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Bombay, 1st October, 1896.

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Bombay, 1st October, 1896.

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WE the Undersigned have JOINED as PARTNERS in the Firm of Mr. PESTONJI SHAPOORJI NARIELWALA for the supply of Mill and Gin Stores, from 1st January, 1896, and the above Firm will from this date be conducted in the name of NARIELWALA, COOPER and Co.

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P. J. BRAIZE, Manq. Propr.,

Madras, 29th Sept., 1896. Bombay Type-Writing Co.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons claiming against the Estate of RICHARD WILLIAM HARE, late of Sunny Lea, Glendinning Avenue Heymouth in the County of Dorset in England, who died at Sunny Lea, aforesaid, on the 18th day of April, 1896, and Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of whose estate having effect throughout the Province of Bombay were granted on the 12th day of September, 1896, to WILLIAM HARLEY TAYLOR, Esquire, are hereby required to send in their claims to the said Administrator at his Office, Standard Buildings, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof, at the expiration of which time he will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

All persons indebted to the Estate of the said deceased or having property belonging to him are required to pay their debts or hand over such property to the said Administrator.—Dated this 21st day of September, 1896.

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MEMORIAL

TO THE LATE

SIR GEORGE CHESNEY, K.C.B., R.E., M.P.

A MEETING was held, on the 24th April, at the ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, of some of the friends of the late Sir George Chesney, to consider the question of the commemoration of his distinguished services as Soldier, Administrator, Statesman, and Author. General Sir Henry Norman presided, and was supported by Field Marshals Sir Lintorn Simmons and Sir Donald Stewart, and other friends of Sir George Chesney. To carry out the object of the Meeting, a General Committee was formed, which included the gentlemen then present, and in addition, the Marquess of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Lord Roberts, General Sir George White, Sir Andrew Scoble, Sir Alfred Lyall, Sir H. S. King, Sir W. W. Hunter, Mr. Meredith Townsend, General Richard Strachey, Mr. William Blackwood, and others.

The form the Memorial should take was left for the future consideration of the Committee, as it would depend on the amount subscribed, but the suggestions tended towards a bust of Sir George for the India Office, and a medal for valuable contributions to Military Literature. It was resolved to limit each subscription to a maximum of three guineas.

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Reserves and Rest	,,	11,06,292	9 8
Deposits	,,	1,04,06,910	7 10
Bills and Acceptances	,,	5,36,358	14 2
Sundries	,,	1 06,026	13 3
Total	Rs.	1,46,65,948	12 11

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Cash	Rs.	21,84,516	2 4
Loans, Bills and Advances	,,	1,14,95,568	11 5
Government and other Authorised Securities	,,	4,30,622	14 4
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Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,345xd
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,315
Commercial & Ld. Mge	{ 10,000 / 15,000 }	100	{ 100 / 75 }	10. p. c.	155
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	£10	all	5 pr. ct.	80
Chartered Bank	40,000	£20	£20	7 pr. ct.	£27
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	$125	all	£1-5s.	£44
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	8 pr. ct.	300
SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.				Half yearly	
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all		675
Anglo-Indian	1,345		100	Nil	60
Aurangabad S. & M. Co., Ld.	6 8	1,000	1,000	60	1,000
Bellary S & W Co. Ld (Bellary)	371	00	all	9 per ct.	290
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	800
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co	900	500	500	dvdRs.30	550
Bombay National Manfg. Co. Ld	500	1,000	1,000	...	710
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	785
Central India	1,000	500	500	dvdRs.50	1,080
China Mills Co Ld	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	860
City of Bombay Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,080
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Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	dvdRs12	640
Coorla Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	560
Currimbhoy Mill	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.60	1000
David Mill	1,500	500	500	dvdRs.30	530
Dhuu Mills	2,000	1,000	1,000	50	500
Empress	1,100	500	500	dvd 50	605
Framjee Pett.	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.30	715
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	30	740
Hingughat Mills	700	500	500	40	660
Howard and Bullough	1,500	500	500	25	720
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Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	dvdRs.15	540
Indian Manfg.	960	1,000	1,000	50	1,250
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	775xd
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	20	725
Jaffer Alli	500	500	500	dvdRs.20	225
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,500	250	250	dvdRs.10	225xd
Jewraj Baileo	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.20	950
Jubilee Mills Co., Ltd	843	1,000	1,000	20	550
Khandesh	750	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs30	800
Khangaum Manfg. Co	400	250	250	Nil	850
Khatao Mackunjee	5,000	1,020	1,000	dvd Rs35	800
Leopold	2,500	100	103	dvdRs.10	270xd
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Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,090
Madras United	358	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.100	3,350
Mahalaxmee	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	570
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	3,400	500	500	15 pr ct	...
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dv Rs100	2,385xd
Mazagon	6,000	250	250	dvd Rs 5	145
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Mysore S & M Co Ld	4,000	250	250	dvd 15	250
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	Par
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	620
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs 20	575
Oriental	5,725	625	625	dvdRs20	360
Presidency Mills Co (Ld).	743	1,000	1,000	dvdRs50	1,300
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Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	dvdRs40	925
Southern India	1,000	500	500	15	150
Southern Mahratta	1,312	250	250	dvRs12½	380
Sun Mills, Ld	1,300	250	250	dvdRs 20	490
Standard Mills Co.	1,600	500	300	25	383
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	850
Swadeshi Mills	675	500	500	dvd Rs15	650
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Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	900	1,000	1,000	60	510
Union Mills Ld	00	1,000	1,000	dvdRs30	550
Venkshunker Lukhmishunker C Mill Co Ld	900	500	900	dvdRs40	410xd
Victoria Mills	585	1,000	1,000	Nil	450
Western India	1,300	1,000	1,000	35	850
Wadia Mills	1,500	1,000	1,000	...	
PRESS COMPANIES.				Yearly	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	70	1,150
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	45
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs 80	1,190
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Khangaum	240	450	450	Rs40	530
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Sassoon	300	500	500	20	585
Sind and Punjab Co	100	1,000	1,000	200	2,250
Sind	400	2,000	750	50	550
Urab Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	Nil	87
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	370	200	all	12	230
Volkart	...	1,000	10	dvd Rs65	1,250
MISCELLANEOUS.				Half yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	{ 1,750 / ... }	100	100	dvd Rs 5 7½	310
Asiatic Fire Insurance Co Ld	...	1,000	100	...	115
BackBay Baths	500	36	60	1	5
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Malone Co.	6,200	231	100	dvd Rs1 1	33
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Ahmedabad Prantej	4,000	500	300		400
Tapti Valley	28,000	500	50	...	70

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English Gold	Rs.	27-2
Gold leaf	,,	22-4 Nom.
Sovereign, par Gold, old	,,	26-14
Do. do. new	,,	26-12
Australian par Gold	,,	26-14
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Sovereigns	,,	17-2
Do. Dragons	,,	17-1
Silver 17	,,	91
Do. 17½	,,	91-2

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 52m. Sun sets, 5h. 44m. High water, 10-31m., 11-3a., Low water, 4-19m., 4-29a.
Double Execution at the County Jail, 7 a.m.
Bombay Polo Tournament.
Tivoli Theatre: The Amateur Comic Opera Company.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Kalinadi entered the dock on Saturday, and the steamer Thibet on Sunday; the steamer Ebrenfels left it on Sunday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Knight of St. John left the dock on Sunday.

FAIR AT MAHALUXMI.—The annual Hindu fair, known as the Nowratti Fair, will commence, at Mahaluxmi, to-morrow afternoon, and will last for ten days.

Y. M. C. A. GRANT ROAD BRANCH.—Lieut.-Col. Freeman, the president of the Association, will give a lecture, entitled "Suakim in 1885," in the rooms, at 8-30 o'clock, to-night. The meeting is open to all.

ARRIVAL OF NATIVE CHIEFS.—Maharana Kumar Saheb Shri Ramsingji, of Rajpipla, and Darbar Saheb Bawawalla, of Vadia, arrived, on Friday last, with a few followers and have put up with the Raj Saheb of Wanakaner and the younger Kumars of Nandod, near Hamilton's bungalow, Chowpatty.

POSTAL NOTICES.—A mail for Europe, consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Medussa will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to the Trieste Post Office, at 4 p.m., to-day.—Mails for Karachi and Sind, per extra s. s. Medussa, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 4 p.m. to-day. Articles specially superscribed will be forwarded by that vessel.

REPORTED THEFT OF A CLOCK.—Lieutenant-Colonel T. A. Freeman, residing at Nepean Sea Road, has reported to the police the theft of a clock, valued at Rs. 70, from a book-case in his room, between 29th July last and 23rd ultimo. At first it was thought that the clock might have been put away when the Colonel went up-country, but a careful search having been made, it has now been ascertained that the clock was stolen some time during the period named.

A MIDNIGHT VISITOR.—Narayen Harri, a gardener, residing in a house in Succaram Luximon's Wady, at Naigaum Road, has made a report to the police that on Sunday midnight, while he and his family were asleep on the verandah of his house, some one entered his room through an open window, and stole two gold bangles, valued at Rs. 100, from the arms of his daughter, aged three years. On hearing the child crying, complainant awoke, and caught hold of the thief, who struggled and made good his escape through the open window.

TRAM CAR ACCIDENT TO A MENDICANT.—Essa Mabrook, a Mahomedan mendicant, aged fifty years, having no fixed place of residence, was, on Saturday evening, crossing the Grant Road into Cursetji Suklaji Street, when he was accidentally knocked down by a tram car, and would have been run over by the car, but for the guard of the front wheel, which prevented the body from being run over by the wheel. The man sustained fracture of the right hand small finger, contused wound on the inner side of the right thigh, and abrasion to the left elbow. He was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital and detained under treatment.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the society, will be held in the Grant College Library, at 4-30 p. m., to-day. Business:—(1) The minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed. (2) Drs. Ebrahim Hussain, K. A. Dudhialker, and R. M. Kalapesi will be proposed members of the society. (3) Notes on a case of Chyluria, by Dr. Y. M. Sanzgiri. (4) Correspondence between the Government of Bombay and Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia on the subject of the appointments of the Coroner and Deputy Coroner for the City of Bombay, will be placed before the Society for consideration. (5) To transact such other business as may be brought forth by the honorary secretaries.

BYRAMJI JIJIBHOY PARSI CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.—Messrs. Isaac Pitman and Sons have granted second-class or theory certificate to the following students of the Byramjee Jijibhoy Parsi Charitable Institution, certifying that they have satisfactorily passed an examination in the theory of Pitman's shorthand, and that their success has been registered towards the completion of a full certificate:—Dinshaw N. Pavri, Rustamji H. Kotval, Edulji F. Balsara, Rustamji K. Vachha, Bomanji R. Mehta, Shavakshah H. Panthaki, Manekshah D. Sanjana, Ardeshier Sorabji, Kavasshaw Dhanjibhoy, Sorabji Nanabhoy, Nasarwanji Peroshaw, and Kaikhashroo Perosshaw.

GAMBLING AT MAHIM ROAD.—Before Mr. F. S. Taleyarkhan, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Abdul Abdurahim and two others were charged with gaming in a public place with cards and money. About 9 o'clock, on Saturday night, the three accused with three others were gambling in a corner of Mahim Road, when a policeman, doing duty at a short distance, went up to them and succeeded in arresting the above three accused, while the three others made their escape good. A currency note for Rs. 10, and two annas and three pies were found on the ground. Mr. Khanu, who defended the accused, contended that his clients were not gambling, but were only witnessing the games played by those who escaped, and who were the real culprits. His Worship on the evidence convicted all the accused, and sentenced them to pay a fine of Rs. 5 each.

WELL-CAUGHT.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Third Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Manuel Fernandez Lowinda, a Goanese, was charged with breaking into the house of Mr. Minguel Maria Mascarenhas, printer in the *Times of India* press. On Saturday night, complainant was informed by his son that there was a light in the kitchen. He saw through the crevice, and found the report to be true. Having noticed a person moving about in that room, he fastened the door from outside and called a policeman. Accused had, it appeared from the evidence, first attempted to open the gate of the compound, but failing in that he climbed the wall, but in doing so was injured by the pieces of glass fixed thereon. Complainant's son had noticed all this from the balcony, and as soon as the thief entered the kitchen-room, he informed his father The policeman who arrested the accused subsequently said that he saw a knife in his hand. The accused's name having been registered in the black book of the police on several previous occasions, he was sentenced to sixteen months' hard labour.

CHEATING A WATCH-MAKER.—In consequence of a warrant issued against him, Haji Ibrahim Joosub, a Mahomedan trader, selling sundry articles on commission, in the markets, yesterday, surrendered himself to the court, and appeared before Mr. P. H. Dustur, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, to answer the charge of criminal breach of trust, in respect of 36 watches, valued at Rs. 872, and belonging to Mr. Charles Heiniger, an importer of watches, having his place of business in the Fort. For the last four years accused had been entrusted with watches by the complainant to sell the same on commission and render an account of the sale. For the last two months accused was asked to either return the 36 watches he was entrusted with by the complainant or to pay the price of the articles *minus* the amount of commissions originally agreed. Accused evaded a reply, and neither the watches nor the value were forthcoming. Complainant was then informed that accused was hiding himself, and had misappropriated the money realised by the sale of the articles. A warrant was accordingly applied for, and obtained, and accused appeared before the court. He was identified and ordered to be liberated on bail. On the application of Mr. Spencer, pleader, the case was remanded.

DEATH FROM TETANUS.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, touching the death of Sulleman Abdul Rahiman, aged twenty-seven years, a hawker in sweetmeats and fruits, residing alone in the room of a chawl, at Kolsa Street. Deceased's parents were dead, and he was unmarried. About 10 o'clock, on the morning of the 19th ultimo, Sulleman went to a sweatmeat shop, belonging to one Alibhoy Currimbhoy, and asked for five maunds of sweemeats. The deceased picked up an iron hook, which was lying in the shop and was putting it on a hook in the ceiling for the purpose of hanging up the scales to weigh the sweets, when one end of the hook struck him on the palm of the right hand, causing a bleeding wound thereon. The wound was dressed, and he went away without purchasing the sweets. Sulleman continued his avocation until the 30th ultimo, when lock-jaw set in, and he was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital. Spasms increased in severity, and an operation was performed on the morning of the 2nd instant, but the symptoms showed no signs of improvement, and he died on Sunday. The House-Surgeon of the J. J. Hospital was of opinion that death was due to tetanus, consequent upon the wound on the palm of the right hand, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

SUICIDE OF A MARRIED WOMAN.—An inquiry was held, yesterday, at Mount Road, Mazagon, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, on view of the body of Awdee, a Hindu married woman, aged twenty years, the wife of one Khondaji, who lives at Jooner, near Poona. For the last two months deceased had been subject to fits, and about a year ago, she come down to Bombay to visit her mother, and since then she had been living with her in the compound of the mango grove at Mount Road, Mazagon. Since her arrival in Bombay her husband never inquired about her health nor did he send for her. About 8 o'clock, on Saturday morning, the mother took her son's meal to a mill, leaving deceased at home, and on her return home, about an hour after, she found Awdee missing. She searched for her, but failing to find her anywhere made a report to the police. About 6 o'clock, yesterday morning, a malee, employed in the same compound, noticed the body of the deceased floating on the surface of the water in the well, and informed the police. Constable Flanaghan of the Tarwady section, proceeded to the spot, and had the body removed. It was in an advanced state of decomposition. The well has a high parapet wall round it, and deceased was never before seen drawing water from it. The jury brought in a verdict of suicide.

DEATH OF MR. DINSHAW D. MUSALAWALA.—A Mhow correspondent writes:—The death occurred, at Mhow, on the 29th September, of one of its oldest and most respected citizen, Mr. Dinshaw Nanabhoy Musalawala, at the age of sixty-nine, after only a few days' illness. He established himself in the early forties at Mhow, where he had a very large place of business as a merchant. At his Oothumna ceremony, on Thursday, the sum of Rs. 4,670 was subscribed by his widow, children, and relations. Of this sum, it was proposed to give Rs. 1,500 to the Mhow Agiary Fund, and Rs. 3,000 to a fund for building the Tower of Silence, at Indore, where the want of one is very badly felt, and the dead have to be removed to Mhow, a distance of over 16 miles; the balance of the above was to be devoted to the Nasselai fund here. At his Oothumna ceremony, it was proposed, on the motion of Mr. C. Cawasji, the secretary of the Parsi Anjuman, and seconded by Mr. Bapuji Khumbata, and carried unanimously at the desire of the Dustoor Saheb Curshedji that "on account of the deceased's charities and noble nature, that his name be added to the list of the holy and sacred mentioned in the Afergan ceremonies at Mhow." The deceased was also the president of the Mhow Zoroastrian and Khan Bahadur Edulji Pestonji High Schools for a long time, and had to resign lately on account of his ill-health. His death is a sad loss, and he leaves a large family of five sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom Mr. Cooverji Dinshaw, is the well known Army contractor at Mhow for over twenty years.

A CHARGE AND A COUNTER CHARGE.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Hirjibhai Manekji, a dealer in wines, was charged with assaulting Gulam Ali Mahomedali, a tinman and contractor, who has his shop in Parsee Bazaar Street. It appears from evidence that about a month ago a Parsee woman, named Jerbai, was passing by the complainant's shop, and she dropped some copper coins. Goolam Ali drew her attention to it and she picked up the money and went away. A short time after accused Hirjibhai came up to the complainant and assaulted him saying that he (complainant) had cracked jokes at Jerbai. Mr. F. P. Taleyarkhan, who appeared for Goolam Ali, examined three witnesses, and they corroborated the complainant's statements. In the cross-case Gulam Ali was charged with assaulting Hirjibhai and another Parsee, named Kathoke, and also with using abusive language to Jerbai. In this case Mr. Brown appeared for the complainants; and Mr. F. P. Taleyarkhan, for the accused. The complainants in their evidence said that Gulam Ali cracked jokes at Jerbai, and when Hirjibhai and Kathoke went to remonstrate with him he assaulted them with a wooden hammer. When all the evidence was taken, Mr. Taleyarkhan, in addressing the court, contended that he had proved to the satisfaction of the court that Gulam Ali was assaulted by Hirjibhai without any provocation. There was not the slightest truth in the allegation that Gulam Ali made use of filthy words to Jerbai. This was an after-thought on the part of Hirjibhai. He knew perfectly well that he would be summoned for assault and he and his witnesses had put their heads together and had come prepared to tell a consistent story. From his experience Mr. Taleyarkhan said that there had been a growing tendency on the part of persons accused of assault to apply for counter summons when they could not meet the charges preferred against them by complainants. Hirjibhai did not apply for summons till ten days after the assault. Mr. Taleyarkhan asked the court to convict Hirjibhai in the first case, and acquit his client in the other. The magistrate, in disposing of the cases, remarked that he was satisfied that Gulam Ali used filthy words to Jerbai, and he fined him Rs. 30. Hirjibhai was ordered to be discharged.

THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Society was held in the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 30th ultimo, when Mr. Cursetjee Rustomjee Cama, vice-president, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of the following new members was announced:—Prince Roland Bonaparte, 10 Avenue D'Tena, Paris, France, and his Highness Bhavsingji, Maharaja of Bhavnagar, as life members.

The following presents were announced and thanks voted to the donors:—To the Library. From Vienna.—Mittheilungen der Anthropoligischen Gessellschaft in Vien Band XXVI Heft II and III. From Zurich—Festschrift der Naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Zurich. 1746-1896. From Berlin—Verhandlungen der Gesellschaft Fur Erdkunde zu Berlin Band XXIII 1896 Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6. From Berlin—Zeitschrift der Gesellschaft Fur Erdkunde zu Berlin Band XXXI 1896 Nos. 2 and 3. From Zurich—Altpata-Gonische Schadel by Dr. R. Martin. From Berlin—Zeitschrift Fur Ethnologie. 1896 Heft I to III.

Mr. Tribhovandas Mangaldas Nathubhai then read a paper on "Conversion to Hinduism." He said that though it is believed that Hindusim is not a proselytising religion, up to this time there is no definite reason accounted for it. He therefore thinks that as the objects of all religions must be nearly the same viz., to teach morality to the people, the main principles underlying every religion ought not to be different. He therefore, thinks, that Hindu religion cannot possibly be entirely exclusive from all other religions as it is supposed to be, and in the absence of any other definite reason shown for its such exclusiveness, it would be desirable to view it from all the aspects which it presents and are so ably put forward by Justice Ranade in the last portion of his lecture on Indian Theism, in which it is stated that "it is not bound down to any particular revelations but is open to the best influence of all revelations." This, Mr. Tribhovandas think, s its most essential feature and which sufficiently accounts for its proselytising nature, because conversion to one of the revelations would necessarily mean rejection of the others; and therefore it would be in opposition to one of its main principles stated above. It does not therefore, necessarily imply that a man initiated in one faith is bound down to that faith alone, and cannot follow another faith if he chooses. Of course his conversion would be different from the conversion as understood by the followers of other religions, which means that he gives preference to the one to which he is converted and discards all other religions.

The honorary secretary next read a brief note on Embalming in Modern India, by Mr. Sarat Chundra Mitra M.A.B.L. Hutwa, Berar. The author described the manner and method of embalming which was practised in Ancient India. He quoted the Vishnu Purana to showthat the corp-e of Nimi was preserved in the manner related by him as well as the body of King Dasarath of Ajodhya as mentionedin Valmiki's Ramayana. This note will be published *in extenso* in the journal of the Society.

A vote of thanks to the authors of both the papers and the customary compliment to the chair concluded the business of the meeting.

THE POONA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—This recent conference at Poona was on the whole a successful affair. You have already published the proceedings in your paper. I would, however, request you to make a little room in your paper for the following three suggestions, which, for want of time, I could not place before the conference. My first suggestion is this: The Hon'ble Mr. Wadia suggested that the several papers, read before the conference, be printed for the benefit of those who could not attend it. I would go a step further, and suggest the advisability of printing the papers—or at least the purpose of them—relating to Primary Education in Marathi, the vernacular of the Division, for the enlightenment of Marathi teachers. If this suggestion is carried out, many of the Vernacular teachers, who are vitally interested in the matter of primary education, would receive much useful information, and be able to shape their future course of imparting instruction to children accordingly. My second suggestion is this: That as many of the subjects to be discussed at these conferences will, in all likelihood, relate to primary education, experienced Vernacular teachers be allowed to freely express their views in the vernacular of the division. I believe there are Vernacular teachers who can understand papers read in English, but are unable to offer remarks in the same language. If, however, this concession is made to them as a special favour, we may expect these men taking active and intelligent part in the discussions on the papers on primary education. My third suggestion is about District Conferences. In many districts, school masters have commenced to hold these conferences, and we in Thana, too, have had one every year since 1893. But then these have as yet received no official recognition. If, therefore, these district conferences were to be held under the direct presidency of the Deputy Educational Inspectors, they will grow to be much more important and produce beneficial results. These conferences should work under the directions of the divisional conference. These are, Sir, my suggestions in brief, and I hope they will be acceptable to the Hon'ble President of the recent conference. They, especially, the second and third involve no expense. The first, that of printing the purport of a few essays in Marathi, may entail small expenditure, no doubt. Immense good, however, may result by giving publicity to these views.—Yours, &c.,

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THE GRAIN RIOTS AT NAGPUR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NAGPUR, OCT. 3.

THE past few days have been a season of much excitement among the native population of Nagpur, and considerable anxiety among the district officials, consequent on grain riots, brought about by an apparent determined combination on the part of the Bunnia and Marwari grain-dealers to raise prices to famine rates. On Sunday last matters reached a climax, and thousands of people collected at the Budwari Bazaar and looted some of the grain stalls which had opened in the earlier part of the day. The excited mob next proceeded to the Iswari Bazar and on to the Sukarwari Bazaar, both of which were also raided, the available police being quite incapable to hold the rioters in check. At this stage the city Superintendent of Police sent information to the Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Blenkinsop, together with Mr. Stuart, D.S.P. Inspector Collins, and a strong force of police appeared upon the scene, and succeeded in some degree to check the rioters and induce dealers to provide grain at reasonable terms; but before the arrival of help large quantities of grain were forcibly carried off. Later, very little in comparison to the wants of the people were forthcoming, and this seemed to incite the latter to extreme steps, and as the day advanced the crowd grew larger, shouting for grain; the mob was, however, kept in check. On Monday, it being feared from the attitude of the mob that matters were likely to take a serious turn, and that the available police were not sufficient to cope with the difficulty, the local Volunteers as well as both the Railway Corps were called out. At about 10-30 a.m., the assembly was sounded at the Arsenal, and within a very short time a number of Volunteers fell in, and being provided with ammunition, were marched away, the N. V. R. under the command of Captain Biddulph, Lieutenant Hanson, and Mr. Cleveland, and the B. N. R. under the command of Major Graves, to the scene of troubles; a second squad of the N. V. R. under Lieutenant Low, with Lieutenant W. Bailey, promptly following. A company of the Lancashires and two companies of the 7th Madras Native Infantry were railed in from Kamptee, and the whole formed pickquets in various parts of the city, strong guards being placed over the business places of the wealthier sowkars and grain stores, while the G. I. P. R. Rifles mounted guard over the railway goods shed to protect the grain stored therein from loot, as also at the Audit office. Inspector Thornber took prompt measures to throw out his available police to guard the approaches to the station, while the station-master placed locks on the goods shed, but as there was yet some apprehension that overt acts might be attempted in this direction, the B. N. R. were applied to for aid, and Captain Dinwiddie was detailed with a small guard of the B. N. R. Rifles, while the District Traffic Superintendent, Bhusawal, was applied to furnish 30 rifles. In the railway quarter every possible step was taken to protect property effectually. Throughout Monday the city remained in a ferment of excitement, and the crowds kept continually growing in magnitude, and more than once essayed to rush some of the grain-stores, but were admirably kept in check without recourse to extreme measures, though the military, Volunteers, and police were fully prepared for any emergency which might arise, being provided, as they were, with ammunition. There was occasionally some stone-throwing, and several people were more or less hurt, one man and a woman being trampled to death in the crowd. The stringent measures adopted by Mr. Blenkinsop and other officials on the ground, however, did much towards subduing the mob. Later in the day intimation was received that there was no grain procurable in the Temple Bazaar, Sitabuldi, and Inspector Collins was deputed to the market with a body of Volunteers, and, assisted by Mr. J. Bailey, Mr. Bhargorao, Extra Assistant Commissioner, and Mr. Date, of the Municipality, induced the grain-dealers to produce their grain in the market which under police and Volunteer supervision was supplied to purchasers, every precaution being taken to prevent any attempt at loot, and matters terminated without any trouble. Throughout the night, however, strong pickquets remained stationed at various centres in the city, and bodies of armed police patrolled the streets, dispersing any gatherings which they found collecting. On Tuesday Mr. Blenkinsop received information from the police post at Ramtek, to the effect that that village was threatened with loot and riot, and Mr. Cleveland, Excise Commissioner, was posted off to Kamptee with an urgent requisition on the General Commanding for a day of mounted men from the Royal Artillery, which being promptly supplied Mr. Cleveland with his troop hastened to Ramtek and Mausar, an adjacent village. During the same day the Mungalwari Bazaar in the Sudder was the scene of a very large gathering clamouring for grain, and steps were taken to open grain stalls in the verandas of the normal school under strong guards from the 7th Madras Native Infantry and police, and under the supervision of Mr. Blennernassett grain dealers were induced to get out a large quantity of grain which they had concealed, and while this was searched for by Mr. Date and produced under escort, the requirements of the crowd were served under the supervision of Mr. Ameer Khan, pleader, Major J. Bailey, Inspector Collins, and others; but it is to be feared the shrewd Marwaris effectually secured in private houses much of their stores, as many bags of rice and wheat were found concealed in the houses of tailors and others.

On Wednesday morning, at an early hour, several gentlemen of the station, mounted on their nags, met at Saklee, and, guided by some police sowars, visited the neighbouring villages and cleared them of the mobs they fell in with. On the same day the Budwari Bazaar, in the city, was thronged with people, crying out for grain, but there were no signs of any grain being brought in to the market, and Mr. Blenkinsop, with Mr. Stuart, placed guards of military and police round the market and at other points to stop any attempt at rioting. Later there arrived enough grain to provide wants, and by 1 p.m., there was apparently no sign of disturbance, but still, as a protective measure, Mr. Blenkinsop and Mr. Stuart were present at the Kotwali to watch proceedings, but nothing of an untoward nature transpired. The precautionary measures throughout were excellent under the direction of the Commissioner, Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, who moved about from point to point watching the proceedings of his subordinate officers. Early on Thursday Mr. Blenkinsop left for Deoli and Bori, where some loots are reported to have occurred. The villages of Hingna, Bhilgam, Paldi, and some others around Nagpur were also looted, several of the rioters who were taken red-handed were summarily dealt with, the young and strong being whipped and the old and feeble being sent to prison, a procedure which had the desired effect. The local merchants who received consignments of grain during the scare refused to take delivery from the railway, and telegraphed to outstations to postpone forwarding further consignments, pending further orders. The threatened riots were not only confined to Nagpur, but Kamptee had a somewhat trying time of it on Monday, when the rioters rushed several Bunnias' shops and looted them, but the military were promptly ordered out, and, together with the local police, made a number of arrests, and though matters have quieted down, the authorities are on the alert and the troops are held in readiness. Budnera, Bhusawal, Bhandara, and Raipur would also seem to have had their share of riots, but, like Nagpur, they were all shortlived, thanks to the prompt action of the local authorities. But it is feared troubles are not quite at an end yet, for the outlook is a gloomy one, with bad harvests on the one hand and rising prices on the other. The local Volunteers are under orders to be in readiness,

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 5.

THE only additional advices by wire through Reuter to hand since those chronicled in our report of Saturday evening's date, report the price of Brown Rapeseed in London at 38½s. per 416lbs., sellers, shipment this and-or next month to Havre, Antwerp and Dunkirk, tone of the market strong; and we now annex our usual weekly comparative Statement of the movement of Cotton:—

The American Crop figures to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons:—

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Week's receipts	252,000	215,000	243,000
" Exports to U. Kingdom.	80,000	23,000	36,000
" Continent	62,000	46,000	97,000
Total receipts since 1st Sept.	936,000	514,000	710,000
" exports to U. K. do.	244,000	85,000	142,000
" " to Continent do.	178,000	63,000	173,000
" Stock in the Ports	650,000	558,000	467,000

The total visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 26th inst., affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Total supply of all kinds	2,140,000	2,438,840	2,195,870
" " Surats	175,000	143,260	173,410

For the United Kingdom only the figures are:—

	1896.	1895.	1894.
Stock in Liverpool	412,000	984,490	738,750
" London	6,000	7,500	7,500
American Afloat	140,000	51,000	93,000
East Indian "	6,000	5,000	3,500
Total	5,54,000	11,05,990	8,19,350
Price of Mid.-Americans	4 22-32d.	4 13-16d.	3½d.
" Good Dhollera	3 24-32d.	4d.	2¾d.
Difference	15-16d.	13-16d.	3-4d.

The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday, shows the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office	Inc.	Rs.	497,334
" " Branches	Dec.	"	602,508
Other "		"	37,04,393
Government Securities		"	11,12,005
Other authorised "		"	93,903
Loans	Inc.	"	457,342
Bills Discounted and Purchased		"	1,24,805
Balances with other Banks	Dec.	"	16,854
Cash		"	37,24,218

A steady demand for Money was felt during the period covered by the Presidency Bank's Statement of Affairs issued to-day, though the enquiry for accommodation was a good deal less local than from Calcutta. A further diminution of 37½ lakhs in the Bank's Cash Balance is now shown, at 188½ lakhs, compared with a decrease of 34½ lakhs in the week preceding, all the items in the Return which go to indicate the state of the trade demand pointing to its expansion. The withdrawals from Private Deposits last week were 37 lakhs, and the increase in Loans and Bills discounted 4½ lakhs, and 12½ lakhs respectively, making the aggregate expansion in trade requirements 54 lakhs, compared with 26½ lakhs as disclosed by the previous Return. Government Securities had been realized to the extent of over 11 lakhs. An addition of some 5 lakhs to Public Deposits at the Bank's head office, was more than counterbalanced by withdrawals at the branches, the net result being a Decrease of 1¾ lakh.

COTTON.—Only a small business has been reported here again to-day in this market, and prices are Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy lower, the market having been quiet at the decline. Exporters have bought 600 bales, consisting of 250 Bhownugger, at Rs. 198½-203; 200 Damergaum, at Rs. 190; 100 Dhollera, at Rs. 198; and 50 Wudwan, at Rs. 205; while the Mills have taken only 100 Akola, at Rs. 186; and 58 Wudwan, at Rs. 184 per candy.

The telegraphic official weather and crop reports received this morning, advise a continuance of the drought in all the cotton-growing districts with the exception of Hubli in the Dharwar circle, where 1¼ inch had been registered since the date of the last telegrams. In parts of the Bengal circle, the Cotton plants had been seriously damaged by drought; and though in the districts of the Oomrawattee and Dhollera circle the crop is reported as flourishing, a further fall of rain was anxiously looked for. The Broach crop continued to flourish in seasonable weather.

WHEAT and SEEDS.—These markets have been closed again to-day owing to the fever epidemic which prevails in that part of the native town where they are held.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay on Saturday were as follows:—

Cotton	954	bales,
Wheat	9,614	cwts.
Linseed	1,307	"
Rapeseed	6,710	"
Gingellyseed	1,881	"
Castorseed	2,332	"
Rice	2,640	"

FREIGHTS are unchanged; but no important business transpired to-day to test rates.

EXCHANGE opened with a quiet feeling at 1s. 2 3-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 2 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was done in Bank Wire Transfer at 1s. 2 3-16d.; but, later in the day, 1s. 2 5-32d. was the best rate obtainable. Merchants' Bills were placed at 1-32d. below the opening rate; and the market closed quiet as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 2 5-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 2 3-16d.	do.
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 2 7-32d.	do.
Credits do.	1s. 2 9-16d.	do.
Francs do.	1'50½	

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been weak and declining, and 3¢ per Cents. which opened at 106 1-16 for cash, and 105 15-16 for the next settlement, declined therefrom to 105 5-8 and 105¼ in the two positions, respectively, closing, however, at a recovery of 1-16 per cent. 102 has been still named for Threes.

SHARES.—The market has been quiet to-day but with rather more movement in Mill Scrip than was the case at the end of last week, the shares of some 12 concerns having declined, while those of 2 have advanced to our quotations. In Press shares, New Berar have declined Rs. 10; and Mofussil, Rs. 2½. In Miscellaneous Bombay-Burmah Trading have declined Rs. 25, in the first issue and Rs. 10 in the second. Alcock Ashdown, Rs. 15 and Delhi and Northern India Flour Rs. 5.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

OCTOBER 5.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, Perfect.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, interrupted.
AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.
Cable Penang, Medan, interrupted.
Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the British frontier between Yunnan and Shuenwei.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SUNDAY NIGHT—OCTOBER 4.

10 p.m.	84·4

MONDAY.—OCTOBER 5.

6 a.m.	82·4
10 a.m.	87·5
2 p.m.	89·8
4 p.m.	88·9

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 3rd October, compared with the Statement of 26th September, 1896:—

LIABILITIES.	Sept. 26. Rs.	Oct. 3. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	60,00,000	60,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	62,15,616	57,12,950
Do. at Branches	39,81,838	33,20,320
Other Deposits	3,72,51,306	3,35,46,943
Post Bills	4,022	4,037
Credits, undrawn	25,13,411	34,07,146
Rs.	6,49,67,193	6,19,91,456
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,34,91,356	1,23,79,791
Other authorised Securities	40,82,815	40,14,707
Credits, on Govt. and other authorised Securities	60,96,779	63,39,023
Loans do. do.	65,63,955	70,01,327
Bills Discounted and purchased	1,15,30,986	1,21,75,170
Dead Stock	4,11,475	4,11,475
Stamps and Stationery	22,094	22,031
Bullion		
Balances with other Banks	2,33,893	2,16,844
Cash	2,25,54,326	1,88,30,108
Rs.	6,49,67,193	6,19,91,456

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

TREVITHICK—October 5, at Malabar Hill, Bombay, the wife of R. Trevithick, of a son. (English papers please copy.)

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

KEENE—September 23, at Dalhousie, the wife of C. J. Keene, of a son.
THOMPSON—September 23, at Fort Munro, Dera Ghazi Khan, the wife of Captain Powney Thompson, I. S. C., Punjab Commissioner, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GODFREY—TALBOT—September 24, at All Saints Church, Srinagar, Kashmir, by the Lord Bishop of Lahore, assisted by the Revd. G. A. Ford, Captain Stuart Hill Godfrey, I. S. C., to Guendolen Beatrix Nesta, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Adelbert Talbot.
KING-HARMAN—M'EUGENS—October 1, at St. Stephen's Church, Ootacamund, by the Rev. C. H. L. Wright, Chaplain, Edward Henry King-Harman the only son of Colonel M. J. King-Harman to Emily Florence, eldest daughter of J. G. Meugens, Esq., of Calcutta.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1896.

WHETHER the French Ambassador's minatory message personally delivered to the Sultan will be followed by action remains to be seen. The threats are conditional on a renewal of massacres. The diplomatist carefully avoided giving them a retrospective effect. No new horrors have been committed by Kurdior Bash Bazonk, and therefore "the armed intervention of Europe" need not be apprehended by those who dread a collision which might involve the Great Powers in the big war so long expected and happily so long deferred. There are many, perhaps a great multitude, in England who will not merely regret, but resent the possibility of a peaceful solution of the present phase of the ever-smouldering Eastern Question. But it does not depend wholly upon the vigilance and vigour of the Turkish government, or a new born self-control on the part of the ruling race in the Sultan's dominions, whether the floodgates of massacre shall be yet again opened. The *Times'* Constantinople correspondent says truly enough that Armenian fanatics of the type of those who seized the Ottoman Bank and other places and rained bombs impartially on all comers, are ready to play the same desperate game when the political wire-pullers think the moment has arrived for a new "demonstration." Outrages provoke reprisals, and there is no certainty that massacres may not again become the order of the day. The Sultan has protested that the indignation of foreign countries, and especially of England, has not fallen on the Armenian "anarchists" who threw bombs amongst the troops and killed some hundred of them in the expectation that in their rage they would follow the Christian population generally. The answer is of course that in the horror at the massacres, the provocative bomb throwing was lost sight of. That lesson is not likely to be thrown away on the Armenian agitators. We must therefore be prepared for a renewal at any time of the troubles which have so injured the Sultan and his Government in the opinion of the world. In that case will "Armed Europe" intervene? The French Ambassador has stated in categorical terms that there will be intervention if the recent race troubles be revived, and that the Turkish Empire, or at the very least the Turkish dynasty, will disappear. Within a few days of that plain intimation we learn that the Sultan has sent torpedo boats to the Dardanelles "in pursuance of the advice of the Russian-General Schikatcheff, who has lately inspected the defences of the Straits under an agreement between the Tsar and the Sultan." Now Russia and France have an intimate understanding and a common policy in the near East as in the Far East. It seems strange that M. Cambon threatens the Sultan with war and the dissolution of his Empire in certain contingencies, while a Russian General is advising his Majesty to strengthen the defences barring the way to his capital. The enigma is not the less puzzling when we know that the Russian Black Sea fleet is cruising off the mouth of the Bosphorus. Is that fleet at hand to succour or to overthrow the Sovereign to whom the Czar has lent the services of one of his generals to make his capital more secure?

The key to the mystery may be found in the strength of the agitation in England "to strengthen the hands of Lord Salisbury's Government," in other words, to force him, willing or unwilling, to send the powerful Mediterranean fleet to Constantinople and depose the Assassin. That fleet has been strengthened by the addition of the Particular Service Squadron commissioned when the Emperor William's telegram to President Kruger was believed to be the prelude to a German war. The newest torpedo-catchers and torpedo-boats with their attendant cruisers are despatched to the Levant as fast as they are made ready. The Liberals have not been left a monopoly of the agitation. The Party wire-pullers have advised Conservative members to appear on the platforms and take part in the proceedings. The Continental press are unanimous in asserting that Lord Salisbury contemplates isolated action. The Vienna official papers have gone so far as to threaten Great Britain with a coalition of the Powers if he takes that course. The Russian, Austrian, and German Governments have ostentatiously declared that it has been agreed between them that the Turkish question shall have a "pacific solution." It may be that in view of the growing excitement in England, it has been deemed advisable to modify this attitude to the extent of sending a Russian fleet to cruise near the Bosphorus, and to authorise M. Cambon to give the Sultan a formal warning. The object of such a course would be two-fold; to gain time, and to deprive the British Government of any excuse for isolated action by showing that the Continental Powers were applying moral pressure at Constantinople. If this be the explanation of the apparent change in front of France in the matter, events will soon justify it. That the excitement in England has been fanned to a fierce heat is undeniable. Our friend Mr. W. S. Caine, writes to the *Daily Chronicle* proposing that 16,000 resolutions should be sent to the Foreign Office in one morning to convince them of the reality of the "universal and overboiling indignation in the breasts of everyone":—"The one great need of the moment is a strong, influential, and representative committee, with a solid fund, to rouse London against the Sultan. Failing this, I hope individual citizens will act. It would be a profound demonstration of a most powerful section of public opinion if, on one or other of the two next Sunday evenings, every Nonconformist congregation in the United Kingdom remained for a few minutes after the close of the service to pass a resolution calling upon the Government to use such means as may be necessary to secure for all the Christian subjects of the Sultan ample protection from oppression and massacre, and a complete redressing of their cruel wrongs. Sixteen thousand resolutions from such sources would be a useful addition to Lord Salisbury's morning mail-bag." A clergyman proposed that every man in England should address a post-card to Lord Salisbury to make him acquainted with the feeling of the country. His Lordship received a thousand post-cards in one morning, which it is to be hoped he found time to read. Another clergyman proposes that the English Churches and English people should go into mourning:—"May I make a suggestion? Let all pulpits and platforms where meetings are held be *draped in black*. Also let some badge of mourning (such as a band of crape on the arm) be decided upon, and worn as a token of our sorrow for our murdered brothers and sisters. Let the world see a nation in mourning!" The Rev. Oswald Birchall, Buscot Rectory, Lechlade, writes to the papers:—"Why should not British war vessels intercept the ships in which Armenians are being deported and free the prisoners? Surely no treaty can override common humanity in such a case. Necessity has no laws." Another correspondent demands the immediate assembling of Parliament, and that Lord Salisbury be sternly taken to task:—"Surely if our M.P.'s are afraid of speaking out they can demand in the name of England an immediate session of Parliament. Will they do this? England has nearly lost her temper at this unwarrantable delay. Are we to be left without information day after day? Lord Salisbury seems to despise us. Let the whole nation demand an answer from Lord Salisbury to the following question: Are you going to act, and act immediately, or are you not? We shall find no difficulty in dealing with the answer." Columns of angry suggestions of a similar character fill the pages of the *Daily Chronicle* every morning. That enterprising paper is compared to Peter the Hermit, who, exactly six centuries ago, roused Europe to the first Crusade.

Occasionally a solitary and unnoted voice is raised on the other side. From the following it is evident that there are many Englishmen earning their living in Constantinople who have some cause to desire that the agitation should be kept within reasonable bounds:—"At the present moment there are Englishmen in the Sultan's service. Some are connected with the arsenal, and are hard working industrious men. They are for the most part poor, and have wives and families. It would mean practical ruin for them to give up the work in which they have become proficient, and they are rather to be pitied than blamed because circumstances compel them to remain in positions which, I know, many would gladly vacate, if it were possible. Of these I do not desire to write, but it may not be generally known that there are other Englishmen, holding the high positions of aides-de-camp to the Sultan, and drawing large incomes of some £80 to £100 per month—incomes which, I may remark, it is a mistake to suppose are not paid them." The *St. James's Gazette* has done useful service in pointing out the probable consequences if the Government be goaded into taking action alone. Admitting that the British Fleet can force the Dardanelles, and Blue Jackets garrison Constantinople, the Sultan would have to go. But what will happen then? A furious Mahomedan rising all over the Empire and a general massacre of Armenians in Anatolia by the exasperated and far more numerous Turks and Khurds. To deal with that state of things in Anatolia 60,000 troops would be necessary, while another army corps would be required in Syria, and a third in European Turkey. When this general uprising was suppressed, the dominions of the Sultan would have to be divided, and probably fought for by the Powers. The agitators make light of such considerations and shout day and night, "On to Constantinople!" It is a difficult situation, and it is to be hoped the Great Powers will find some way out of it without a general war.

NAPLES is the first of European ports to proclaim quarantine against this city, and it may be expected that the other Italian ports with which we have dealings will follow suit. The cities which lie along the Italian shores are not noted for their cleanliness, and it is therefore not surprising that Italian authorities should be the first to be apprehensive of the evil results that might ensue from the importation of a disease which more perhaps than any other is produced by insanitary surroundings and filthy habits. But at other European seaports which have not so great a reputation for insanitary conditions there is little or no ground for taking measures so injurious to trade. The classes to whom the bubonic fever has been confined are the last people in the world likely to proceed through the Suez Canal to European seaports, or for that matter to go to any non-Indian ports. As Dr. Waters pointed out in his speech last evening at the meeting of the Medical Union, the malady is one which ends rapidly either in recovery or in death. If a port so near to us as that of Colombo regards a medical examination on the arrival of the boat as all that is required, there is no reason why more distant ports should enforce full quarantine, and it is to be hoped that the example of Naples in this respect will not be followed. The trade between Italy and India is principally conducted with Bombay. The total exports last year amounted in value to three crores and fourteen lakhs of rupees, nearly two crores of this being Bombay trade. The figures in both cases are an advance on the previous year, but generally speaking the trade shows very little sign of permanent expansion. Under the operation of very protective tariffs exports of wheat have dwindled from substantial proportions; cotton and seeds fluctuate without increasing. The imports from Italy are on a restricted and non-progressive scale. Formerly a rather important trade in salt was carried on, but, Germany, although at a disadvantage as regards the distance of her ports, has, by reason of her more up-to-date methods, taken away that business. The trade in glass beads, formerly a distinctively Italian one, is passing into German, French, and Austrian hands, and the importation of coloured cottons has now almost disappeared. However, the imports into Bombay last year were twenty-seven lakhs of rupees (the total for India being forty-two lakhs), and this compares favourably with the previous year's return. The increase was due to a trebling of the shipments of silk yarns, and to an enhancement in those of aniline dyes by 74 per cent.

IT is a common remark in India that everyone knows the income of his neighbours, and this is undoubtedly the case so far as Government servants are concerned, since the fullest information is available on the subject. A Paul Pry actuated by his interest in other people's affairs, or a tradesman desirous of knowing the extent to which it is safe to trust certain officials who patronise his establishment, can for a very modest sum quarterly obtain a volume which gives "the names, salaries, and designations of the Civil and Military servants of Government" in the province where he resides. If his craving for knowledge is not confined to a single Presidency, the "India List" or "Thacker's Guide" will give him similar explicit particulars regarding Government servants, wherever they may be found, from Chitral to Cape Comorin. It is not alone men in Government employ whose salaries are thus made known. Some of the local authorities which Government have called into being are equally explicit. The Bombay Municipality for instance publish a blue book yearly, giving "name, race, caste, father's name, date of birth, educational attainment, length of service, designation of appointment, pay and allowances," and other interesting biographical details of every officer or servant in receipt of Rs. 20 per mensem and upwards. That means that only the labourers, punkawallas, and puttawallas are left out of account. The publication was first undertaken some years ago on the suggestion of Captain W. P. Walshe, and the example thus set is now followed by the Bombay Port Trust. A perusal of the last Municipal List gives some interesting results as to the division of appointments between the various communities forming the population of the city. There are some 785 employes in all grades of service, with a pay of Rs. 20 or over, and these are divided in the order of Hindus, Parsis, Christians of all denominations, Mahomedans and Jews. Excluding the head officials of the various departments, more than one-half of this number are Hindus and Parsis. Of Hindus there are in all 382, receiving aggregate emoluments of Rs. 17,880, or at the rate of Rs. 49 per head per mensem. There are 172 Parsis, or less than one-half the number of Hindus, but they receive a total emolument of Rs. 15,681, or at the rate of Rs. 97 per head, an average which will probably be greatly raised if the Hon. Mr. Mehta's motion for the appointment of a Deputy Health Officer in each ward of the city at salaries ranging from Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 per mensem is passed. Eliminating from consideration the Inspectorial staff, whose duties confine them to outdoor work, and taking the office, clerical and other staff, the Hindus again stand first in order so far as numbers are concerned. The appointments they h

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

MOVEMENTS OF THE TSAR AND TSARITZA.

LONDON, OCT. 4.

Their Imperial Majesties the Tsar and Tsaritza reached Portsmouth this evening.

President Faure and the members of the French Ministry are awaiting their Imperial Majesties at Cherbourg.

THE TSAR'S VISIT.

OCT. 5.

Their Imperial Majesties the Tsar and Tsaritza sailed for Cherbourg, this morning, from Portsmouth, escorted by a fleet of thirty two men-of-war.

The newspapers in dwelling on the visit emphasize the fact that whatever the political outcome may be, the Tsar has learned during his stay that the Pro-Armenian movement in Great Britain is genuine and wholly foreign to any political designs.

THE REMOVAL OF SAID KHALID FROM ZANZIBAR.

The German Press affirm that Said Khalid being a political prisoner, it was impossible to extradite him, and that he was removed openly under a show of force in order to assert the dignity of Germany, because Great Britain protested.

INTELLECTUAL ADVANCE IN INDIA.

The *Times* in a special article on Indian affairs campares the success of Ranjitsinhji to that of Chatterji and Professor Bose in the intellectual arena, all denoting important changes in life and thought in India.

THE FENIANS AT ROTTERDAM.

LONDON, OCT. 4.

The Rotterdam police have secretly conveyed Kearney and Haines, the Fenian prisoners, out of Holland.

QUARANTINE AGAINST BOMBAY.

In consequence of the bubonic outbreak in Bombay, arrivals from India at Naples will be placed in quarantine.

CALCUTTA AND THE BUBONIC FEVER SCARE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, OCT. 5.

In the course of a letter to the Chairman of the Corporation, protesting against the Commissioners for not having adopted his suggested precautionary measures against the bubonic plague, Dr. Simpson, the Health Officer, says :—I believe that the epidemiologists are quite prepared to see a recrudescence of plague such as had not been known in this century. At the present time it is ravaging on the South Coast of China, and has appeared in the French Colonies. To-day I see 10,000 deaths reported from Central Asia of malignant fever. I mention this not to alarm, but to show the absolute necessity of early precautions to protect ourselves, for there can be little doubt that should the plague get a firm hold of Burra Bazaar and Jorabagan, nothing but sweeping these quarters away would ever free them entirely from the disease ; and the cost of levelling the Burra Bazaar and Jorabagan to the ground and the re-building of a new Burra Bazaar and Jorabagan would be enormous. The loss to trade would be immense, and it is doubtful whether this city could recover its present prosperity for many years to come. All this is quite irrespective of the mortality that would likely occur. Being an experienced Health Officer, and well accustomed to the precautionary methods which require to be adopted in any disease, such as plague, I should be wanting in my duty if I did not emphatically state that in not accepting my recommendations grave responsiblity rests on the General Committee.

HARRIS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

POONA, OCT. 5.

The Harris Football Tournament commenced, this afternoon, on the Gymkhana ground. Only eight teams entered. Comparing with the last year, there were ten present. The holders of the cup are the Loyal North Lancashire, who are now at Ceylon. They could not send a team for attendance on the ground, chiefly of the military element. Two matches were played off.

The first match was between the Royal Artillery, from Kirkee, and the Durham Light Infantry Second Team, from Poona. The game was, however, proving a draw, both sides being equal. About twenty minutes were granted to play off, and the Gunners won by two goals to one.

The second match was between the Durham Light Infantry First Team vs. the Wiltshire Regiment, from Karachi. The Durhams won by seven goals to love.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, OCT. 3.

The Hall Line steamer Locksley Hall left here, for Karachi, this evening.

SUEZ, OCT. 3.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Mackinnon, from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here this morning.

LONDON, OCT. 3.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Maclean arrived here this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Mombasa left here this evening.

PLYMOUTH, OCT. 3.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Rome arrived here this morning.

HONGKONG, OCT. 3.

The Florio-Rubattino Co.'s steamer Bisagno left for Bombay to-day.

COLOMBO, OCT. 4.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Khedive arrived here, from Bombay, this morning.

ADEN, OCT. 3.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Gisela, from Trieste, left for Bombay, via Karachi, this evening.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, OCT. 3.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed easier. Surats quiet.

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The Manchester market has been steady.

2½ per cent. Consols 110½
3 per cent. Rentes 101½
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 117
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper 62½
Bar Silver 30 5-16

The sum of about £50,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

...t dates of foreign messages received at Bombay, from ...ited Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending, at 8 p.m ...5th October, 1896.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
...key	3	5	56 p.m.	39	34
...eberan	5	2	30 p.m.	...	20
...Suez	5	2	45 p.m.	...	20

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending, at 8 p.m., of the 5th October 1896.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	54	...	1
" Karachi	...	16	...	1
" Madras	...	20	...	1

SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, SEPT. 18.

THE ST. LEGER.

YORKSHIRE seems destined to loom largely when the history of the year's sport comes to be written. Not the least important event to be touched upon will be the immensely popular victory of H.R.H. the Prince of Wale Persimmon. Sportsmen of every degree have shown their readiness to join in the congratulations showered upon our popular Prince, but when St. Frusquin was scratched all interest in the race as a sporting event had gone. Still, I could not help recalling some of the surprises of the past at Doncaster when glancing through the betting returns of the race. "Two hundred to one any other" was there in print, and I supose those who felt inclined for a plunge on an outside chance would get these odds. But 200 to 1 ! What if an accident should happen ! At the moment I have no reference handy whereby I might compare the sensational victories in Derbies and St. Leger's, but the probability is that the latter has had its full share of honours in this direction. The Lykes dearly love t'Leger, and coming as it does just between the close of cricket and the opening of foothall, the race has an attraction, a charm, a fascination all its own. It is a good many years ago now—62 to be precise—since the racing world was startled by the victory of Touchstone, the Duke of Westminster's famous horse. At the time the public had simply gone mad over Plenipotentiary, and actually laid 3 to 1 on the horse owned by Mr. Batson. But the story of this gigantic robbery —for such it has been described by Helvellyn, the well-known sporting writer—deserves a paragraph all to itself, which I will reproduce later. There have been others of more recent date that have won at long odds, the most remarkable during the last twenty years being Lord Falmouth's Dutch Oven at 40 to 1 in 1882, and Lord Alington's Throstle in 1894. There was something of a stir in Apology's year, the rumour of the famous mare's breakdown spreading consternation in the ranks of her backers. Owned, as the mare was by Mr. Launde—in private life the Rev. Mr. King—the public had every confidence in the bona-fides of the stable. It will not require an old man to remember the famous telegram sent by the owner to trainer to the effect that the mare should start "if she had three legs only." Although instances are comparatively rare of outsiders winning the Leger, place investments have turned out extremely profitable now and again, even during the last twenty years. In 1877, for instance, Lord Bradford's Manœuvre started at the nice price of 100 to 1, and ran into third place. Snowden in 1881 rode Mr. Perkins's Lucy Glitters into a similar position, starting at 66 to 1, whilst G. Barrett very nearly landed a 40 to 1 chance on the Duke of Westminsters Sandiway in 1884, being only beaten by a length by The Lambkin for first place. Mr. T. Jennings's Exmoor ran third in 1886, with odds of 100 to 1 against its chance ; four years later Gonsalvo, at 200 to 1, finished third ; and only a neck separated Colonel North's St. Simon ot the Rock from Reverend, the second horse in the following year, odds of 45 to 1 being laid against its winning. Still, there is every reason to believe the Turf is much purer, taken all round, in these days than in the days of the Plenipotentiary "arrangement." It is recorded of Bill Scott the brother of "the Wizard of the North," John Scott—that he was extremely fond of long words. Methinks he must have had a fine time in Plenipotentiary's year. But let us get to the story of the "doctoring."

A ST. LEGER MYSTERY.

With the full knowledge that many bits of roguery had been practised during the few years preceding Touchstone's St. Leger year, the public would hear of nothing but Plenipotentiary. Had the horse won it was pretty well understood that the ring would be broken. "The pride of the South, the terror of the North" the horse had been styled, and there was great excitement at Doncaster when he arrived the Saturday before the race. But let "Helvellyn," one of the raciest Turf writers we have had, tell the story in his own words :—"On the Sunday morning Conally rode him in his galop, and found Plenipotentiary everything he would wish at all events, so said the betting, for he became a better favourite than ever. On the Monday the same was the case, and on the Tuesday morning, till he made his appearance for starting, when some of the lynxeyed backers immediately saw that he was not the 'Plenipo.' of old, and got out of their money. The moment honest Pat Connolly mounted him, he found he was as stale as a coach-horse, and could hardly raise a gallop. Still, the fame of Plenipotentiary was so great that it was believed by the million that he would pull through successfully. So the roar of 'Plenipo ! Plenipo !' drowned all other sounds when the race began, and no name but that of the mighty Southerner was heard even whispered through that wast multitude. Presently the shouts of 'Plenipo' grew fainter and fainter ; thousands of faces began to turn white and ghastly, for before the Red House had been reached the cry had gone up, 'The favourite's beat !' In the end, the 40 to 1 chance, Touchstone, won by three lengths, with Bran second, General Chasse third, Shillelagh fourth, Bubastes fifth, and the great Plenipotentiary last but one. Astonishment was depicted on the faces of all who witnessed it. What was the matter ? Plenipo unplaced, beaten, in fact, before he had run one quarter of the distance. How was it that Touchstone happened to win ? It is recorded that his jockey, Calloway, was almost struck dumb when he found himself winning, and turned his head to right and left to see whether the rest of the field had been swallowed up by an earthquake. Although a stout little horse, as his successes at the stud can testify, his party did not back Touchstone. They argued that Plenipotentiary was in the race, and the victory of that horse was looked upon as a certainty. The whole story may now be told in a few words—the race was a turf robbery. Plenipo had not the ghost of a chance to win ; the deed was done, and he had been made safe. But how and by whom ? This never was and never will be known except to those who were implicated in the affair, and they kept their secret well." The horse was always a difficult one to saddle and mount, but on the day of the race it was as quiet as possible, and lay like a log in the stable, having to be kicked by the groom several times before it would get up. Touchstone, the winner, was very highly prized by his owner, the Duke of Westminster, who was once offered a big sum for it in order that it might be sent to Germany. To this the Duke replied in a laconic note : "A German principality should not buy Touchstone."

LANDING THE ODDS.

In 1861 Chaloner brought off a grand coup by defeating Kettledrum—a warm favourite ridden by Snowden—or Caller Ou. This was indeed a sensational race, and as the famous mare had Plenipotentiary blood in her veins, the following anecdote may properly follow her. A gentleman with whom Mr. William I'Anson was slightly acquainted—Mr. Peat, a keen courser and a chemist and druggist at Redcar—had dreamt that Caller Ou had won the St. Leger, and Yorkshireman-like, had backed her for that event. Being told by his friends that she was not likely to run, he wrote very respectfully to Mr. I'Anson, informing him of his dream, and of his having backed the mare, offering, in case he did not think of running her, to pay the stake and all other expenses if he would allow her to go to Doncaster and take her chance. Mr. I'Anson, on considering the matter ("Helvellyn," who tells the story, does not think for a moment the dream was the ruling power or did the business) desired his daughter, Miss I'Anson, who was then, as always, his trusty counsellor and amanuensis, to reply in courteous terms to Mr. Peats letter, thanking him for his handsome offer and informing him that Caller Ou should run and take her chance in the St. Leger, but that he himself would pay all expenses. The result, as is well known earned Caller Ou the brightest gem in the chaplet of fame. In appearance Caller Ou was an odd and old-fashioned as her name would indicate. She was of a rusty brown colour, but with depth of girth and fine shoulders—"a short, common-looking, hacky mare, with swish tail, mean quarters, plain head, and vulgar walk, although much resembling her distinguished relative, Blink Bonny." Old racing men who saw the race describe Chaloner's finish in this Leger as one of the most brilliant feats of horsemanship eve witnessed. Before leaving Doncaster, I should like to add that the authority I have quoted says that the name of Doncaster originally, according to the Venerable Bede, was Carmelodunum, whilst Richard of Cirencester speaks of it as Twangaster, a name also given to it by Hector Bœthms, who likewise terms it Thongecaster, from which last to the present name would be an easy transition. Without its butterscotch and the St. Leger Doncaster would never probably be heard of outside Yorkshire, but the great clasical race will always keep its memory green.

PLIMMER'S VICTORY.

It is a very long time now since the Midland district could claim any particular distinction in sport but the doings of Plimmer in Sheffield appear to have awakened a good deal of the old enthusiasm in his district—enthusiasm which had such a deal to do in years gone by with the successes of Tom Hill, Anthony Diamond, and others of less renown. Manchester for a time showed promise of producing a few exceptionally fine boxers, for Gamble was always regarded as near championship form as he well could be without holding the honour, but I presume little is done in bringing boxing champions out, for we seldom hear of any of her sons coming to the front. Tyers, the swimmer would, I imagine, have made a grand boxer if he had not taken to the water like a duck. He may be good with the gloves now, for aught I know. Few places, however, have produced more men of class in a short time than Birmingham, the metropolis, of the Midlands, distinctly the most notable performer of the lot being Tom Hill, the feather-weight champion in 1881, 1882, and 1883. Once or twice Northampton has produced boxers of rare ability. Douglas, who I remember sparring somewhere about 1886 or 1887, being an exceptionally good man. W. A. J. West, too, did the shoemaking capital a turn by winning the heavy weight championship, although Birmingham shared in the honour, West having been born in the latter city. Those who now observe his portly figure umpiring in the Oxford and Cambridge cricket, would scarcely credit him with having won a boxing championship. West had a fine style for a big man and could give an artistic display of the noble art as well as any boxer I have seen, with the exception, perhaps, of Hill. But to come back to "the workshop of the world," as Birmingham has been termed, late years have witnessed a strange deterioration in form, which goes to prove that until a real good leader is forthcoming boxing will make little headway in the district. Indeed, there appears to be a paucity of sound amateur boxers all over tho kingdom, the winners of championship honours in recent years, with few exceptions, comparing very poorly with those who won the events when the A. B. A. was first formed. Plimmer's victory may do something, as I have already said, to awaken interest afresh, but the tendency of the age is to cycle, and only a few sports and pastimes can hold their own against the fascination of the wheel. Yorkshire has had such a wonderful run of success in sporting events this season that the defeat of their boxing champions need cause them no dismay.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN ordinary monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held, in the Municipal Council Hall, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Cowasji Hormusji presided and there were also present :—The Hon. Mr. Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Messrs. Ardasir Framji Unwalla, Bhagwandas Narrotamdas, Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatawadekar, Bomanjee Pestonjee Master, C. T. Burke, Byramjee Nusserwanjee Serval, Darashah Ratanji Chichgar, Dr. Dominick A. D'Monte, Rao Bahadur Dhakji Kashinathji, Messrs. Dinsha Edulji Wacha, F. Edgelow, Rao Saheb Elappa Balaram, Messrs. Fardunji Nasarwanji Bisni, Fazalbhai Jumabhai Lalji, Fazulbhoy Visram, H. G. Gell, Goolam Hoosein Allana, H. I. B. Hargrave, Hari Sitaram Dikshit, Hasambhai Visram, Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, Messrs. Jagmohandas Vandrawandas Bhaisett, Jamsetji C. Jamsetji, Jamsedji Kharsedji Kama, the Hon. Javerilal Umiashankar Yajnik, Messrs. Jaya Karadi Lingu, Jijibhoy Framji Petit, Kalkhosro Nowroji Kabraji, Kavasji Edalji Dadachanji, K. M. Shroff, Kharsedji Nasarwanji Wadya, Rai Bahadur Lachman Singh, Messrs. G. Lund, Manekshah J. Talyarkhan, Veterinary-Major J. Mills, Messrs. Mulji Bhowanidas Barbhaya, O. V. Muller, Dr. Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Messrs. Nowroji Jehangir Gamadia, Pestonji Nassarwanji Wadia, the Hon. Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Messrs. B. Phillips, Rahimtulla Khairaz, the Hon. Mr. Rahimtulla Mohamed Sayani, Messrs. Sorabji Kharsetji Dhondi, Sundernath D. Khote, Tribhowandas Munguldas Nathoobhoy, Tribhowandas Varjiwandas, Dr. F. Edward Underwood, Mr. Vandrawundas Purshotumdas, Dr. Accacio Gabriel Viegas, Messrs. R. H. Vincent, Vithalrao Krishnaji Vandekar.

RESIGNATION OF MAJOR OLIVIER.

The Corporation recorded letter dated 29th August last from the Commissioner forwarding letter from Mr. A. F. Beaufort, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, giving cover to communication from Major H. D. Olivier, R. E., resigning his seat on the Corporation as one of the representatives of the Chamber.

CONFIRMING DR. WEIR'S APPOINTMENT.

The Corporation also recorded letter from Mr. Secretary Atkins intimating that H. E. the Governor in Council was pleased to confirm the appointment made by the Corporation of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel T. S. Weir, as Health Officer of the Municipality from the 1st instant for a term of five years on a salary of Rs. 1,500 per mensem.

MR. WALTON'S PENSION.

The following was also recorded :—

Letter to the Secretary from the Commissioner forwarding an extract from letter dated 31st July last from Mr. Rienzi Walton, the late Executive Engineer, tendering his grateful acknowledgments to the Corporation for their favourable consideration of his petition to be allowed a pension of Rs. 333-5-4 per mensem from 20th March 1893 and for their compliance with the prayer of the petitioner.

FLUSHING OF THE GULLEYS.

It was resolved on the motion of Dr. Viegas, "That, in the opinion of the Corporation, the sewers and drains in the city, and more especially those on the Port Trust Estate, require efficient periodic flushing. (2). That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report to the Corporation every three months the condition of the sewers and drains in the city showing those which have been flushed and cleansed during the previous three months, and whether any chokes have occurred in the drains."

The question of bubonic fever was then taken up, a detailed report of which is given in other columns.

After transacting some more business the Corporation adjourned to Monday next.

BOMBAY POLO TOURNAMENT.

THE first match in this tournament between the Durham Light Infantry and the Bombay Gymkhana will take place this afternoon, at 4-30 p.m. The sides are :—

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.		BOMBAY GYMKHANA.	
Capt. Luard	Back	Mr. Prevost	Back
Capt. De. Lisle	3	Capt. Rooth	3
Lieut. Wilkinson ...	2	Mr. Ellison	2
Lieut. Ashburner ...	1	Mr. Fischer	1

MILITARY NEWS.

ARTILLERY CAMPS.

Artillery Practice Camps as under will be held in the Bengal Command during the ensuing cold weather :—

Barkachcha, near Mirzapore.—From 10th November to 30th November 1896. Camp Commandant—Lieutenant-Colonel P.K. Beaver, R.A.,or Lieutenant-Colonel R. Purdy ; Staff Officer—Acting Adjutant, R. A., Allahabad ; Recording and Range Officer—Captain L. Graham, R. A. The following Batteries will attend :—6th, 41st, and 54th Field Batteries, R.A.

Harha, near Unao.—From 30th December 1896 to 15th January 1897. Camp Commandant—Lieutenant-Colonel W. N. Jervis, R.A. ; Staff Officer—Acting Adjutant, R. A., Lucknow ; Recording Officer—Captain A. E. Perkins, R.A. ; Range Officer—Lieutenant C. E. Blandford, R.A. The following Batteries will attend :—30th, 46th, and 70th Field Batteries, R.A.

Gurgaon, near Delhi.—From 2nd January to 25th January 1897. Camp Commandant—C. R. A. Meerut; Staff Officer—Captain A. B. Scott, R.H.A. ; Recording Officer—Captain E. S. Cleeve, R.A. ; Range Officer—Lieutenant H. A. Boyce, R.A. The following Batteries will attend :—"C", "K," and "N" R.H.A., 24th, 34th, 46th, and 51st Field Batteries.

Palipihari, near Jhansi.—From 15th January to 30th January 1897. Camp Commandant—Lieutenant-Colonel R. Purdy, R.A ; Staff Officer—Acting Adjutant, R.A., Jhansi ; Recording Officer—Captain H. E. Stockdale, R.A. ; Range Officer—Lieutenant H. J. Cotter, R.A. The following Batteries will attend :—3rd, 17th, 59th, and 80th Field Batteries ; No. 9 Company Western Division (Heavy Battery) Pur Siege Operations.—From 1st February to 22nd February 1897 Officer Commanding R.A.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. Lake, R. A. ; Staff Officer—Captain and Adjutant G. Wright. The following companies will attend :—Nos. 4 and 22½ Companies Western, and No. 26 Company Eastern Division, R.A.

RUGBY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

FINAL.

WELSH REGIMENT BEAT RANGERS.

THE Rugby Tournament, organized by the Bombay Gymkhana, was brought to a satisfactory termination yesterday afternoon. This tournament has revolutionised Rugby Football on this side of India. The game had been played in a desultory manner before the year 1890, but there was no special organization, the only partizans of the game being members of the local Gymkhana. To the efforts of Messrs. Marshall Reid and Symes may be attributed the *Renaissance* of the noble game in Bombay. In the year 1890, these two gentlemen, who had been admirable exponents of the game in England, Marshall Reid having the honour of being an International, and Symes for a long time one of the manistays of the famous Blackheath Club, put their heads together, with the result that the game was started *de novo* after a lapse of some ten or twelve years. No Tournament was arranged for in the first year, but in 1891 the Bombay players having got together a team which would have been able to hold its own against a first-class team at home it was arranged that an annual Tournament should be constituted. In order to give the new undertaking a prosperous start, and to prove the mettle of their players, Bombay sent their team over to Calcutta to take part in the Tournament there. So good was the team that they won all the four matches they played on the other side, and beat the Calcutta XV. by two goals and three tries to *nil*, and in the final beat the "Buffs." The successful team contained such famous players as Marshall Reid, Walpole Tudor, La Touche, Cleveland, Symes, &c., there being three Internationals and several old Blackheath men, also a Richmond man, and a ex-Member of the O. U. F. C. XV. among the players. It was certainly the strongest combination that has ever been got together in Bombay, and while it continued maintained an unbroken record. They proudly bore back to Bombay the Calcutta Cup, which previously had never left the Bengal side. When the Tournament was started in '91 in order to give another entry, and as an inducement to get the Buffs and the Calcutta F. C. to join, the Bombay Gymkhana split up its forces into two teams, called Civil and Military. The former played the "Buffs" in the final, who were a tower of strength in those days, and after ten minutes, extra play as nothing had been scored on either side, the local Gymkhana generously handed over the Cup to the Buffs. As a return for the courtesy shewn that sporting Regiment gave a cup to be run for in the sports, and that year the Gymkhana won it. Rugger had now taken a firm hold in Bombay, and the Y. M. C. A. emulating the Gymkhana began the game. They played with the Gymkhana men, and received their early training at their hands. This club after varying success was at last disbanded, and like a phœnix the Rangers Club rose from the ashes of the defunct Y. M. C. A. F. C. The new club has gone on steadily improving ; till this year, much to their credit be it said, they have fought their way into the final. In 1893 the South Wales Borderers won the cup, and for the last two, viz., 94 and 95, it has been won by the Welsh Regiment from Secunderabad. It is a perpetual challenge cup, and so cannot be won outright, but the Welsh Regiment seem to have acquired a perpetual lien upon the handsome trophy. To come down to this year of grace 1896, the tournament has been carried out under the most favourable auspices. The original entry was nine teams, but from unforeseen causes, chiefly the close proximity of the Harris Football Tournament to that of Bombay, two teams, the Royal Irish and East Yorkihire Regiment, withdrew from the contest. A final entry of seven teams eventually participated. The Bombay Gymkhana entered two teams, A and B. The Welsh Regiment were, of course, to the fore, while the other competitors were the Durham Light Infantry, from Poona, the Middlesex and 40th Field Battery R.A. from Ahmednagar, and the local Rangers Club, who ran up into the final.

The final of the Tournament ended in a mere procession for the Welsh Regiment as they simply walked over the Rangers to the time of 36 points to 3. The home team fell to pieces shortly after the start, and after that the Secunderabad men just did what they liked with them. Everybody had expected the Welsh to annex the cup for the third year in succession, but it was not anticipated that the Rangers would receive the crushing defeat they did. The Ranger team was the same as played on Saturday, with the exception that Allen took the place of Morrod, and played three-quarters, displacing Green from that position. The Welsh played the same team as they commenced with, and certainly they are a strong even lot, and play with plenty of dash and determination. The Calcutta players must be an exceptionally superior team to knock them out, as they did lately in the late Tournament on the other side. They fully deserve all credit for their being meritorious time here. As the clock was striking five, Good for the Rangers kicked off from the Cooperage, the Secunderabad men defending the Band stand goal. The first scrum was formed in the centre of the ground, and on receiving the ball, Climo ran into the Welsh twenty-five before he was stopped. The Welsh gained ground, and but for forward pass right in front of the Rangers' goal would have got in. Spencer spoiled, the other half from the scrum, and Reid from a pass made his mark which relieved the anxiety of the Bombay following for a moment or two. The Welsh, however, replied manfully, but Mann and Spencer foiled the attack, the play being brought to the centre of the ground. The Rangers again secured, but Kelly, who had the ball, ran into touch, the game being in the Welsh twenty-five who, however, worked it back. A lot of fumbling passing on both sides then took place but the Welshmen of the forward division took the ball through and obtained the first try ten minutes after the start. Jones took the kick, but the place failed.

Score : Welsh one try to *nil*.

On the ball being re-started, the Rangers three-quarter muffed the ball from the return, and a scrum was formed in the far corner of the Rangers' lines by the tree. The Welsh by good passing off their half-backs putting in excellent work all through the game, brought the ball up, gaining another try. Jones took the place which went just inside the post.

Score : Welsh one goal and one try to *nil*. Fifteen minutes had now elapsed from the start, and the Welsh began to assert their superiority. When the game restarted, Allen saved a dangerous passing run of the Welsh back lot flooring. Richards, who was nearly in the ball, then went behind, and the Rangers touched down. From the drop out Manuel had a drop at goal, which only just fell short; it was as an excellent long and well-judged kick, the ball going dead. From the scrum that was subsequently formed in the Rangers, quarters, the Welsh half-back passed out very nippily, and from a good run the Welsh gained another try. The kick was successful.

Score : Welsh 2 goals, 2 tries or 13 points to *nil* The Welsh gained ground from the resumption as Kelly tried to bounce and run instead of kicking the ball, and the Welsh forwards again took possession of the ball, which went behind the Rangers' line. The home team at this period of the game were all abroad, and the Welsh, directly after the start, got in again ; the place was at a difficult angle, but was well taken.

Score : 3 goals, 2 tries to *nil* in favour of the Welsh. After the kick off Jones for the Welsh got off, but passed forward ; it was immaterial as the soldiers simply walked in the ball, a forward grounding the ball between the posts. The try resulted in another five points being debited against the Rangers.

Score, 4 goals, one try 22 points to *nil*.

From the kick-off Martin followed up and spoiled the return of the Welsh back; on the scrum being formed and the ball heeled out, the military by a grand unselfish passing run on the part of their sprinters, nearly got in, but Flowers very pluckily saved for his side. The whistle then blew for half time. On the game being re-started the Welsh forwards dribbled down the ground, but the ball went out of play. On being brought out Mann secured, but failed to get through the strong phalanx of the soldier forwards. Flowers, too, livened up matters for the Bombay supporters, but could not get through, being well tackled by Climo. Kelly too had a turn, but was not more successful. The Welsh were not to be gain said and saved any appearance of danger, and in reply took the ball behind the Rangers' line. The place failed and the score stood at 31 points to *nil*. Richards for the Welsh received the ball from his half, and again ran through, grounding the ball between the posts. Jones kicked the goal.

Score : 36 points.

When play was resumed the Welsh again held their opponents at bay, the forwards taking the ball through the scrum every time. Reid had now an opportunity, but threw it away as he passed instead of making the best use of his natural turn for speed. Green brought the ball on, but not being backed up, the Welsh took the ball from him. Offside being given against, the Welsh momentarily relieved the pressure, but the penalty kick went into touch. For the first time in the course of the game the Rangers really attacked the Welsh line and got close up. From a pass out of the Welsh, which Allen cleverly intercepted, he was able to score the first and only point for the Bombay team. He grounded the ball between the posts. The place kick, however, was a miserable failure, the ball not rising from the ground. From here to the end the Welsh contented themselves with simply penning their opponents, and shortly after the whistle sounded with no addition to the score. The Welsh annexed the cup with the creditable score of 36 points to 3. The crowd then collected round the tent, where the trophy was displayed. Mrs. Chandlier, the wife of Captain Chandlier, R. E., handed the cup amidst loud applause to Lieutenant Brandreth, of the Welsh Regiment. The usual cheers for the various teams and the Gymkhana having been given the crowd melted away. The following composed the teams :—

WELSH REGT.		RANGERS.
Climo	back	Heydon
Richards	¾-backs	Reid
Foster		Kelly
Manuel		Mann
		Allen
Watts	½ backs	Spencer
Marnie		Flower
Mr Brandreth	Forwards	Manley
Mr Jones		Sell
Mr Span		Brewin
Daly		Goode
McCartie		White
Pugsley		Marrod
Burge		Martin
Baldwin		Petere

THE BUBONIC FEVER.

THE migration of many of the natives of Mandvie to their native homes in Cutch and Kathiawar conjoined to the vigorous measures put forth by the Health and Drainage departments in the affected district, have been the means of greatly decreasing the number of cases, and the Health Officer was able on Sunday to report to the Municipal Commissioner a most satisfactory abatement. Indeed, it then seemed as if the disease had been practically stamped out. But during the twenty-four hours ending yesterday forenoon, there was a slight recrudescence of the fever. The returns for the twenty-four hours in question showed nine fresh cases and nine deaths in the Mandvie Ward ; one case in the A. Ward, which occurred in Colaba, four cases in the C. Ward (which includes the congested district bounded by Abdul Rehman Street on the east, and Dhobie Talao on the west), and two fresh cases and two deaths in the E. Ward. This gives a total of 16 cases and 11 deaths. While these figures are higher than those of Sunday morning when only 10 cases and six deaths were reported, they are considerably below the average of the daily return of the last fortnight, and are on the whole encouraging. It will be noticed that in three wards of the city the progress of the disease was entirely stayed, and that in only one of the wards outside Mandvie did deaths occur. The number of deaths to date was 156, no less than 127 of which have occurred in Mandvie. As we have intimated Mandvie is now being depopulated to a considerable extent by the migration of the inhabitants into Kutch and Kathiawar, and elsewhere. Out-going coasting steamers are filled to their fullest limit, and railway trains unusually crowded. The migration is not carried on without the imposition of restrictions calculated to reassure the authorities in the districts whither the people are fleeing. All intending immigrants from Mandvie are required to present themselves to the medical men employed by the Health Department in the District, in order to obtain a certificate that they are free from bubonic fever, and when this has been granted, they are allowed to proceed.

The gratuitous medical aid of which sufferers can avail themselves continues to increase, as wealthy and philanthropic citizens realise the pressing nature of the needs of their poor neighbours. We have already spoken of the aid afforded by the Bhattia Mitra Mandal, and to-day it is our pleasing duty to record that Mr. Pooranmall Gooji Singhanee, a wealthy shroff, has commissioned three medical men to visit patients and at his expense supply medicines, clothing, and other sanitary requisites which they may deem fit, to people who may be attacked without distinction of case or creed at his personal expense. The three doctors thus employed and their respective wards are—

Dr. Jagmohandas Chhabildas Merchant, Kalbadevi, Ramwady, for the Bhuleshwar Ward and its surroundings, including Kalbadevi Road.

Dr. Kavasji Edalji Dadachanji, Khetwady, 7th Lane, or Khetwady, Ardesir Dady Street, for the Girgaum Ward and Khetwady.

Dr. Chunilal Goverdhandas Gunderia, for Bhuleshwar, Byculla, Parel, Nagpada and its surroundings.

The visitors to Mandvie yesterday morning included the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Vincent, and his Deputy, Mr. Gell, whose object was to see what steps it is desirable to take to prevent the immigration of unemployed labourers for the parched Deccan into the affected neighbourhood. As we pointed out yesterday, this immigration is a danger of a most serious kind, and it is to be hoped that the news of the epidemic will be sufficiently well known in the Deccan and other agricultural districts to lead the labourers to desist from coming to the capital, to find employment. Means should be taken to let it be known amongst them that the slackness of trade in the city greatly minimises their chance of obtaining work here. It is hoped that the railway works in progress in Gujerat will divert a part of the stream, but it is feared that the scarcity of rain for the last two months and consequent absence of work on the land will in any case lead to an influx of the unemployed, unless means are taken by Government agency to let them know that their prospect of falling victims to disease in Bombay are greater than their chance of finding employment.

THE WORK OF THE DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT.

We are informed that the statement that three of the 540 men employed in cleansing the drains in Mandvie have been attacked with bubonic fever is incorrect. Sixteen men out of the total number have suffered from the small ailment of nausea, but none of the men have caught the prevailing fever. They work hard and long with right good will, the more so as the Municipal Commissioner has sanctioned 'refreshers' for them in the shape of a tinpot full of grog to each man, at 12 o'clock, and at 5-30 daily. At every 50 feet drain openings are made, and up to the present time the total number of such opening is 110. Up to Sunday, at mid-day, no less than 1,400 feet of drains had been cleared in Argyle Road and 450 cart-loads of silt and road detritus have been removed, the total weight being 394 tons. The work of disinfecting the down-take pipes and drains of the large chawls, where the outbreak has occurred, goes forward as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Some eight large houses which, until the recent migration contained an aggregate population of not less than 5,000 people, have been thus dealt with, this being about a tenth of the number in the list of the Drainage Engineer, Mr. C. C. James. In all these cases notices are served on the owners or occupiers under section 260 of the Municipal Act. The flushing of man-holes daily with disinfectants consisting of carbolic acid and phenyle, still goes on, as does the flushing of the sewers nightly with sea water pumped by the ten-inch centrifugal pump lent by the Port Trust. The disinfectant in the water used for the roads of one infusive of phenyle is to be continued for the whole of the week, special care being taken to water plentifully in front of affected houses. Arrangements are in progress for improving the gullies, round affected dwellings, by plastering and cementing the existing paving, and the construction of catch pits. The unflagging zeal of Mr. James in superintending these arrangements cannot be spoken of too highly. Like the Health Officer and Mr. Leask he has risen to the occasion and has carried on his arduous duties, with scant regard to his own comfort or convenience. The Inspectors of both departments have profited by the good example set them and have worked with uncomplaining assiduity, and the strain upon them has been very heavy throughout.

THE DAY'S WORK AT MANDVIE.

From a visit paid last evening to the affected district, it was clear that the vigorous efforts of the Municipal executives in washing houses, flushing gullies, and cleaning the drains of silt and mud, have resulted in a marked abatement of the malady. The Health Officer states that the fever has been practically stamped out of the Mandvie District. Early, yesterday morning, some dozen houses along the Argylle Road were washed out from top to bottom, including the windows, doors, and intervening gullies. The work of cleaning the drainage along the Argylle Road was pushed on vigorously throughout the day, and a large quantity of silt, sand, and mud were removed therefrom by means of buckets on to the road.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed attended two cases of bubonic fever, one at Bapty Road, and the other at 3rd Lane, Cammatipoora, on Sunday evensng. Dr. Viegas has reported two cases at Chinch Bunder Road. The Municipal Executives have commenced the work of cleaning the Kamatipoora District two days ago.

Last evening Mr. James and Brigade-Surgeon Barker visited Mandvie. Dr. Barker went into the chawl to the south side of the Musjid Bunder Bridge and examined the three patients lying there. Out of these three patients two were convalescent, while the case of the third was considered to be hopeless.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL'S REPORT.

In reply to enquiries from the Bengal Government as to the disease, H. E. the Governor-in-Council sent the subjoined telegram :—The following are extracts from the Surgeon-General's report : —"I have not any doubt that the disease now prevailing is true bubonic plague ; that it is at present of a mild type, seems to be proved by the fact that several cases recover ; that the average duration of the disease seems to be about a week or more ; and that no hœmorrhagic cases are reported. The utmost activity prevails in the infected area on the part of the Health Department of the Municipality. I learned that from 2 p.m., yesterday, 28th, till 9 a.m., this mor

statement as to the condition in which the city was in regard to the prevalence of the sickness. He was perfectly sure that the Corporation would heartily sanction any measure necessary to be adopted the effacing the sickness. He left it entirely to the Commissioner whether he would make his report at that meeting that day or at the next meeting. He thought that the city ought to be congratulated on the great energy, great trouble, and great activity of the Municipal Commissioner, the Health Officer, Drainage Inspector, and other subordinate officers, who were working so zealously. They had done all that was necessary to do in the time of crisis. He hoped that their efforts would tend to control and to put an end to the sickness which was now prevailing.

Mr. Cursetji Jamsetji Cursetji seconded the motion.

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSIONER.

The Municipal Commissioner said he had received reports from the Health Officer which tended to show that since the 21st September there had been a total of 232 persons attacked by the plague or fever—whatever it actually was—and of that number 156 cases had proved fatal. There had however, been a considerable abatement during the last two or three days. From 10 a.m., on Saturday to 10 a.m., on Sunday, there had been ten attacks and six deaths; seven of the attacks and five of the deaths having occurred in Mandvie from 10 a.m., on Sunday, to 10 a.m., yesterday (Monday) there had been sixteen attacks and twelve deaths recorded, nine of the cases attacked and a like number of the deaths having taken place in Mandvie. All cases of fever had been treated as "suspected." In the various districts of the "B" ward, Mandvie, Nowrojee Hill, the Chuckla, the Port Trust Estate, and between the Parel Road and the G. I. P. Railway, where cases had been reported vigorous cleaning operations and other measures had been in full swing. Houses had been disinfected inside and outside; in many instances the interiors of buildings had been flushed, lime washing had been carried out wherever neccessary, and the effected cases had been removed from the Walkeshwar Temple to the Arthur Road Hospital. One hundred and twenty extra carts and fifty bhigarries had been employed, while the services of two assistant surgeons and four hospital assistants had been requisitioned from Government. Disinfectants, had been used to an enormous extent, and further indents had been made on the contractors as the Municipal stores were exhausted. Three Fire Brigade engines were engaged in flushing the gullies in Mandvie, Khetwadi, and the Fort, while the gully-steam flushing engine had also been utilised. Besides the medical men whose services were re-questioned from Government, three others had been employed by the Health Officer. Referring to the services rendered by the Drainage Department, the Commissioner stated that the Department had been actively at work since the 25th September. The total number of men at work on Sunday was five hundred and thirty, and the had all enjoyed good health, except a few of them who had suffered from nausea. On the Argyll Road drain openings had been made, and also on Frere Road and Malet Road, the openings in all numbering one hundred and six. A length of fourteen hundred feet of the Argylle Road drain had been cleaned, and four hundred and forty-seven car-loads of silt, equal to three hundred and ninety-four tons removed. This had first of all been carted to the Flats, and later on the Chairman of the Port Trust had made arrangements for its removal by barge to the disposing ground near Oorun. All the man-holes and sewers on the Port Trust Estate to the west of Frere Road had been disinfected daily with carbolic acid and phenyle; a number of houses had had their down-take pipes removed and replaced by new ones where necessary or else dipped in solution and put back. Some ninety houses would have to be treated in this way during the next few weeks. The Road Department had also been active in watering the roads with carbolic and phenyle, and arrangements would be made for plastering the *gullies* adjoining the affected houses, and constructing air-tight covers at the street end of each *gully*. In conclusion, the Commissioner observed that the fever at present showed signs of abating, and he hoped the improvement would continue.

The following is the complete official register of the cases which was quoted by the Commissioner at the meeting:—

DEATHS FROM BUBONIC FEVER.

Sept.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Hospital.	Total
21	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
24	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
25	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
26	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	11
27	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
28	0	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	12
29	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
30	1	11	1	0	1	0	0	1	15
Oct.									
1	1	16	3	1	2	1	0	0	24
2	0	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	15
3	1	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
4	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
5	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	1	12
	3	127	12	4	7	1	0	2	156

ATTACKS AND DEATHS.

Attacks	7	185	14	4	18	4	0	0	232
Deaths	3	127	12	4	7	1	0	2	156

THE VIEWS OF A MANDVIE DOCTOR.

Dr. Ismael Jan Mahomed agreed with Mr. Mehta as to the strenuous and effective efforts that were being taken by the executive to stamp out what he termed "bubonic plague," from the Mandvie District. At the same time he assured the Corporation that if the Health Department and other executives had worked with only half the energy which was now being evinced, the disaster would never have visited the city. He was afraid that the remarks of Mr. Mehta in praise of the Health Department were rather premature, because, though very vigorous measures were adopted at Mandvie, similar activity was not shown in other parts of the town. He had seen cases of fever at Cammatipura, the drains of which locality were in a most disgraceful condition. The residents were bitterly complaining of the insanitary condition of the locality. He wrote to the Health Officer, and the only thing he did was to remove one of the cases from Cammattipura to the Arthur Road Hospital. If the cleansing of Cammatipura was not taken in hand at once, he was afraid that the matters would grow very worse, since Cammatipura was a fruitful soil for the growth of the disease. Before praising the authorities, they should be at the same time told to exercise their utmost energy to extend the same measures that had been adopted in the Mandvie wards, to other parts of a town.

Mr. K. M. Shroff begged simply to draw the attention of the Corporation to one important fact that had been brought to his attention, not only by the residents of Mandvie, but of other wards also. Although the whole department were doing all in their power to remove the disease, and spending thousands of rupees to clean the gutters, the halalcores, on the other hand, were emptying baskets of night soil in the gutters in order to lessen the amount of weight they had to carry. This evil practise had been resorted to for a long time. On this occasion he would draw their attention to the necessity of taking very vigorous measures, not only in the Mandive, but other districts also to press the halalcores not to resort to the practice. They should not satisfy by fining the offenders in this respect, but the halalcores who commit such mischief, should be reduced to half pay.

Mr. Dhakji Kashinath endorsed what had fallen from Mr Shroff, remarking that the halalcores did similar mischief in Girgaum and other districts, and it should be put a stop to.

PETITION FROM CAMATIPURA.

The president: I have received a petition from the residents of Cammatipura, which I will ask the Secretary, Mr. Barrow, to read to the meeting. Mr. Barrow, at this stage, read the petition, which ran as follows:—

Respected Sir,—We are very sorry to inform you that in Camatipura also the bubonic plague has made its appearance since 28th ultimo, and seven cases have arisen, out of which five have been fatal, that is four were in the Camatipura 4th street, and one in Camatipura 6th street, and 2 are in a precarious state. The information of the plague in our locality was duly given to the Municipal Commissioner on the 29th ultimo, by one of us, but we are sorry to say that no special steps have as yet been taken to prevent its being spread very widely in Camatipoora. We therefore request you to adopt immediate measures, such as washing main drains, pipe drains, and side gutters, etc., also stop emptying night soil at the Camatipoora depot and remove instantly waded carts with sweepings which are allowed to stand for hours and hours. We beg to remain, Sir, yours, &c.

(Sd.) NARSINGRAO SYBOO,
(Sd.) MANAJEE RAJOOJI.

Professor Muller could not but show his indignation at the remarks that had been made by some members of the Corporation about the Municipal Officers, who had been working day and night in putting down the disease in the Mandvie ward, especially as those members had not been to the scene or even near the place. He (Mr Muller) was not speaking from mere hearsay; he himself went to the affected locality every morning and evening and passed several hours in inspecting the houses of the sick and the work of the Municipal men, who were doing the best under the circumstances, and more vigorous efforts could not have been possible. From the Commissioner downwards, every Municipal servant engaged in taking measures to put down the disease was working with the greatest possible energy and vigour. He was however loth to find that residents of the locality did not assist the Municipality as much as could he desired. The Municipality were cleaning several houses themselves, and therefore the other people in the neighbourhood declined to limewash or cleanse their houses, saying that as the Municipality had once done a part, why should they not do the rest. The work of cleansing was also shirked to a considerable extent. Tenants, however much they suffered, from filth and dirt declined to take any active part in cleansing their own houses because they averred it was the business of the landlords, and the latter in their turn said that it was the duty of the Municipality to do it. Some land lords even went to the length of saying that the Municipality could prosecute them if they thought it was the landlords' business. Even under such circumstances the Municipality was doing its work so well that the house which was first infected and in which it was stated there lived nearly five to six hundred people, was so well cleansed that after the work of flushing and cleaning was over, he entered the building and was gratified to find that it was as clean and devoid of filth as the Municipal building itself. He never saw night-soil being emptied into the gutters by the halalcores, and he challenged Mr. Dhakji and Mr. Shroff to point a single instance in which such evil practise was resorted to at Mandvie during the last fortnight.

Dr. Viegas suggested that before they should make long speeches on the subject, the Corporation must give the practical and material assistance and that could be done by at once proceeding to sanctioning the grant of one lakh of rupees the resolution for the recommendation of which would be moved by Dr. Bhalchandra, the chairman of the Standing Committee.

THE LACK OF SANITARY KNOWLEDGE.

Rai Bahadur Laxmansing who represented the Camatipura ward in the Corportation, said that he was intimately acquainted with the locality. There had been actually five deaths in Camatipura. All the five victims were the residents of Camatipura and not Mandvie. They were all Camatees. There had been little flushing done here and there, but it was not done systematically. It was a most filthy place where fever was actually bred. The same attention that was paid to the Mandvie ward should be paid to other wards also. He hoped that the Municipal Commissioner and the Health Officer would give the matter their serious consideration. He was told that that morn-ing a man was removed to the Arthur Road Hospital. This alarmed the people to a certain extent, who in the fear of the authorities removing the patient from their relatives, abstained from giving information to the authorities.

Mr. Vincent: What is the remedy then, if people themselves commit such a folly?

Rai Bahadur Luxmansingh then referred to a case of man, named Gunpat, who was attacked with the fever, but his relations refused to give him (the speaker) any information when he called at the house that morning.

Mr. Dinshaw Wacha, whose tone was quite sober and earnest, said that whatever might be the failings of the halalcores it was not the time when they should talk to put the halalcores on half pay. He did not deny that there was some truth in the complaints against the halalcores. That was a very grave occasion when they must devise what sorts of remedial measures should be taken. At the preset moment, not even the adversaries, who differed in opinion, could say that the Health Department is wanting in its duty.

A member: What about the other districts?

Mr. Wacha said that Mr. Raghunath was rather premature. He was just going to say something about the other wards when he was interrupted. What he said was that this was no time for discussion but for action. It was ill suited to the occasion to carry on unfruitful discussion. They knew exactly what was the state of things. What they had to consider was whether the steps taken were sufficient for stamping out the disease, instead of discussing what was the state of things. He was sorry to see such questions were started. There was a fact that the cases in the Mandvie had slightly abated. It was necessary, as was pointed out by Dr. Ismail, that other wards should not be neglected, particularly when they had heard that there were four cases in Cammatipura. It was only but right that they should take all precautionary measures to see that the fever did not firmly establish its hold on the people and bring about more deaths. These were the only measures which they ought to take. He thought that it was only nscessary that the Commissioner and the Health Officer should see that the other wards also received their attention. Of course, Mandvie must receive their first attention. He did hope that all available and legitimate resources would be utilised in order to see that other wards were kept as free from this fever as possible.

DR. UNDERWOOD'S VIEWS.

Dr. E. F. Underwood said from his personal knowledge and experience that the Commissioner and the Health Officer were giving their best attention to other wards also. At Colaba the gullies were flushed, the gutters were cleaned, and sulphur and tar kept burning, and every possible remedy adopted. The efforts of the Municipal Executive were most praiseworthy, but the effects of their labours were sometimes marred by the negligence of the people themselves and their ignorance of the importance of the sanitary principles. The state of things was most lamentable at Mandvie, but the authorities had spared no pains or trouble to remove every sort of nuisance. The remedial measures were such that there was nothing more to be done.

Mr. Bomanji master here rose to speak, but he was received with marked displeasure by the assembly. He spoke in a most incoherent and round about manner, and he was frequently ridiculed. He said that when the Corporation were shown their error they called such people "Tailors of Tooley Street." But there were exactly "three Tailors of Tooley Street" among them defending the negligence of theirs officers in Camatipura. They were asked to pass a blank cheque that afternoon as they had been once before in case of Pavai lake, and it was not unknown to them that those four or five lakhs of rupees were lost to them. He always warned them never to be hasty, as everything done in haste resulted in repentance in the end. Before sanctioning the one lakh of rupees they must hesitate. Was that not too large a sum of money? (Cries of no, no.)

Mr. Bomanji's remarks had to be here cut short for the audience showed their impatience at hearing in a marked manner.

PRAISING THE EXECUTIVE.

The Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal remarked that after due regard to the ordinary requirements they had found that the whole department had put forth the whole of its energy, and the whole establishment was working in the localities where the disease had broken out, and the result of the strenuous efforts had been that the sickness had abated, and there could be no denying the fact. Members naturally desired that something should be done and the establishment of the Health Department increased. If the establishment was increased they would be able to do the same thing which they had done in other wards. He thought it was a pity to blame the whole Department for the work which was actually done and done so successfully. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. N. N. Katrak said that no matter by whatever name the prevailing fever was called, viz., as bubonic fever, Malarial fever or the plague, it did not in any way affect the principal feature of the disease, viz., that it was a terrible disease, that it proved fatal within a short period after the attack, and that the percentage of mortality was high. In view of the terrible nature of the disease, he said, every individual, every community, and every nation had a right to take measures to protect themselves against it, and that, therefore, they had a moral claim on this city to be supplied with the true facts in this lamentable occurrence. Dr. Katrak deprecated and protested against the attempts made in certain quarters, firstly, to misname the disease; and, secondly, to belittle and exaggerate the gravity of the situation. No doubt in the beginning a doubting attitude was reasonable and justifiable. But after the disease had progressed for over a month, and almost the whole medical profession, who had had an opportunity of observing the malady, had come to the conclusion that the prevailing fever was nothing but the plague, it was simply undignified to still persist in refusing to call it by its proper name. It was urged for such a course that if it were called by the name of plague, quarantine would be imposed on ships going from Bombay. No doubt quarantine was both humiliating to the city and ruinous to its trade. But that was no reason for misrepresenting facts and thereby putting other nations off their guard, exposing them to this terrible scourge. He said, he was no believer in the efficacy of quarantine. But every nation had a right to take what measures it thought necessary for its protection. No nation, much less an infected city, had any claim to dictate such measures to other nations as might suit its convenience. Considerations of humanity, he said, had imposed upon the city the sacred duty and obligations of publishing the true and exact state of things for the information of the public of the city as well of other nations. Hence the responsible parties in the city ought not to try either to belittle or exaggerate this occurrence. Unfortunately, owing to contradictory reports and rumours in the city, the public mind was in a state of fearful suspense, such reports and rumours, because of the uncertain character, gave the public a vague and indefinite idea of something having gone tremendously wrong, and instead of being pacified, they were in a state of painful unrest. There was only one remedy, and that was in the hands of the Municipal Commissioner of the city. Instead of supplying informally to some papers and refusing it to others, he should publish a sort of daily official bulletin, giving the names, the number, and the locality of those affected and those died, with whatever remarks he may choose to make thereon that will make the matter more simple. He would thereby take the public in his confidence, and thereby deprive those who spread false and unauthenticated rumours of their business and pacify the public mind. There ought to be no hesitation in supplying correct information. Because, such an occurrence, even if it were due to negligence or misfortune was once that it had occurred, considered unavoidable, and the public appreciated the ceaseless and unremitting labours of the Municipal authorities on the occasion. With regard to the measures adopted and to be adopted to stamp out the disease, he said, that the present was not the time to advance this theory or that. The city ought to adopt those measures, which had proved successful all over the world and for diseases of this character. Dr. Katrak said, he was one of those who believed that the disease was imported. But he did not for that reason think it safe to trifle with a grave question. It had been found over and over again that dirt and uncleanliness had the effect of perpetuating and increasing such diseases, and that cleanliness and good sanitation had the contrary effect. Hence their duty was to remove dirt and uncleanliness. He said that the greatest amount of, and that most injurious, dirt was to be found in the drains and sewers. The disinfection and flushing of the drains and sewers ought, therefore, to engage the main, if not the sole attention of the Municipality, of course, other measures, such as surface sanitation and home sanitation were also to be looked after. But the principal attention was to be directed to the drains and sewers. With the drains and sewers clean and sweat and a pure water-supply, such as the city had reason to believe it had, the public might safely rely upon stamping out the disease. The food supply was also an important factor to be noted, but that ought not to divert in the least the attention from the real remedy, viz., to secure cleanliness of the city.

Mr. K. N. Kabraji said that it would be much better if the Commissioner supplied authentic figures to the press every evening under his own signature. He supported Dr. Katrak's suggestion that correct figures should be supplied to the public. In the last mortality returns, some deaths were attributed to fever only, and if they had resulted from bubonic fever it should be so stated.

The Hon. Mr. Metha, in replying to the debate, observed that he was glad that the Commissioner had made a statement, which would be followed up by a more authoritative written statement. Mr. Bomanji Master was never to be satisfied. He had completely misunderstood him. But this was not a time for recrimination; they had to assist the authorities in the measures that were taken for the purpose of keeping down the sickness. That was the only right policy to follow. He quite agreed with some of the members that the officers should not slacken their efforts in other words. Their energies were concentrated in one particular ward, and it was, therefore, natural that there might be some relaxation in the other departments. He felt that they would agree with him that any measure which the Commissioner himself might take for the purpose of increasing the establishment would receive the fullest support of the Corporation. If the establishment had to be increased, the Commissioner was at full liberty to do so. If he had time, he might come to the Corporation to ask for sanction, but if the matter admitted of no delay he (the Commissioner) might take prompt measures, which would be cheerfully sanctioned by the Corporation. It was a matter of great congratulation to them that the Executive were, as everybody had admitted, were vigorously putting forth all their energies to stamp out the sickness.

The motion was then put to the meeting, and agreed to *nem-con.*

THE CORPORATION SANCTIONS A GRANT OF A LAKH.

Dr. Bhalchandra, the chairman of the standing Committee, then moved that as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 6461, dated 30th ultimo, regarding the disease prevalent in Mandvi Ward, sanction be given to the grant of Rs, 100,000, from surplus cash balance, to defray the cost of the special measures which have been and are being taken under orders from the Commissioner by the Health and Drainage departments, and for further charges on that account to be hereafter incurred for the cost of pumping and flushing drains and sewers, purchase of disinfectants, etc. That the Commissioner be asked to report the details of the expenditure in question under different heads as soon as the accounts are made up.

Dr. Bhalchandra said that this motion was logical sequence of Mr. Mehta's motion. He had not the slightest doubt that the Corporation would sanction it unanimously. There were different opinions about the origin, the causes and even the very name of the disease, but all that would be very carefully considered by the committee appointed by Government. Therefore, it was not desirable, or even wise to waste the time of the Corporation in discussing these matters. What they had to do was to see that proper measures were adopted by the Executive to stamp out the disease, and whatever different opinions there might be with regard to other matters (and there might be some truth in the complaint made by some people that had those measures been adopted earlier, the outbreak might have been grapled with and nipped in the bud. Still there could not be two opinions as regards the energy and activity of the Municipal executive and the measures adopted by the Health and the Drainage departments. The whole of the Executive staff had done exceedingly well and had thoroughly risen to the occasion. He was glad to state here that as a chairman of the Standing Committee he addressed a letter to the Health Officer, and in offering his suggestion stated that the Corporation and the Standing Committee would not be wanting in their duties in sanctioning any reasonable outlay that would be legitimately required for stamping out the disease. The Health Officer every carefully and gracefully accepted all his suggestions, and assured him (speaker) that he was carrying them out in their entirety. Under these circumstances the best thanks of the Corporation were due to the Municipal Commissioner, Health Officer, and the Drainage Inspector, for the energy and vigour they had shown on this occasion in dealing very promptly with the outbreak. The disease was showing very happy signs, of abetment and from the figures placed before the Corporation by the Commissioner, it must have been apparent that it would soon be stamped out. The Municipal Commissioner had already engaged the additional establishment of about two or three hundred men and he (the Commissioner) had just informed that Government had been pleased to place at his disposal two Assistant Surgeons, and four Hospital Assistants. He was sure that the additional staff that had already been employed would be able to render that assistance which was absolutely necessary for the suffering community. He had no doubt that the Corporation would unanimously sanction this blank cheque of one lakh of rupees. He hoped that it would be sanctioned without the slightest demur, and that there would be no dessentient.

Mr. Wacha: It would be, perhaps, demurred by one of the Three Tailors of Toolee Street. (Laughter.)

Dr. Bhalchandra, continuing, said: No doubt attention of the Municipal authorities has been directed to the Mandvie Ward, but the parts of the city, where some few cases of this fever have occurred, must also receive their attention. I inspected some lanes in Kamatipura, and I believe many of them require very close attention from a sanitary point of view. I have already drawn the attention of the Municipal Commissioner to the state of things, and I have no shade of doubt, but that he will draw the attention of the Health Officer to the state of things. These preventative measures will serve a very useful purpose in preventing the spread of the disease.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed seconded the motion.

Dr. Katrak wished to add a rider to the effect that the Commissioner should be empowered to order out plans and appliances for electrolising the sea-water, but this was disallowed, it being out of order.

Mr. Bomanji Pestonji Master rose to speak amidst the cry of "vote! vote!" He thought that if a blankcheque was given the authorities would do what they liked. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was quite sufficient for the purpose.

The Hon'ble Mr. Mehta: If this proposal had not been brought before the Corporation, and if I people had been allowed to die, the first person to get up and raise a cry would be Mr. Master. Mr. Mehta advised the Corporation not to give heed to Mr Master's complaint, but to at once sanction the expenditure in order to enable the Executives to adopt measures to meet the emergency.

Mr. Vincent (ironically): Why not wait for the sanction of the Corporation to this expenditure until the budget meeting?

THE REPORT OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

The proposal was then agreed to. The chairman here informed the meeting that the following letter had been received from the Government, dated 1st October, under the signature of Mr. J DeC Atkinson, Secretary to Government, General Department:—

The Chairman, Bombay Municipality,

SIR,—With reference to the out break of disease resembling bubonic plague in the City of Bombay I am directed by his Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for your information, and such action as you may consider necessary, the following extract from the Surgeon-General with this Government:

"Firstly, then I should suggest an immediate increase of the sanitary staff of the Municipality, both in Medical officers, who may be chosen from local practitioners willing to serve, and subordinates with the special object of paying sanitary attention to quarters of the city not yet known to be infected. I may here mention that two cases are said to have occurred in the Fort last evening."

The Municipal Commissioner here pointed out with a view to correct a wrong impression which seemed to exist in certain quarters, that in answer to his request the Government had placed the services of two Assistant Surgeons and four Hospital Assistants at the disposal of the Municipality, but the latter would be responsible for the pay of those officer while they were employed.

The Hon'ble Mr. Mehta proposed that the letter from Mr Secretary Atkins, General Department be recorded, and that the thanks of the Corporation be tendered to the Government for its prompt attention to the request of the temporary services of medical practitioners.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE OF AN EXPERT.

In accordance with a notice of motion, Professor O. V. Muller proposed "(1) That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to approach Government with a view to obtaining from the Government of India at once the services of Dr. Hankin in inquiring into the nature, origin, and peculiarities of the virulent sickness now prevailing in the Mandvie Ward of this City. (2) That the Corporation will be prepared, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, to defray any attendant expenses." In support of his motion the professor said that though they all knew there was a spread of the disease, yet none could point to any exact thing as to the original cause of it. Some attributed it to the importation of articles from places where the disease had already been raging, some attributed it to the bad state of granaries, some to particular kind of food, and some to bad condition of drains. But the other day Mr. Vincent clearly showed that it could not have been due to drains, as not a single man out of 500 men who were working in the drains since the spread of the fever was attacked by the disease.

A Member: Two have fallen victims to it.

Mr. Vincent: Not one single man.

Mr. Muller, continuing, said there was nothing definitely known as to how the disease came into Bombay, and it was not yet accounted for. Under the circumstances it was quite reasonable to have an expert appointed to enquire into and pronounce his opinion upon the subject. By proposing the engagement of Dr. Hankin he did not mean to cast any slur upon the local practitioners, among whom he admitted there were many men of good reputation and experience, and he knew that Dr. Surveyor had a vast experience and he had proved himself very successful as a bacteriologist, but Mr. Hankin having had the experience of the diseases of this kind, his services would be very valuable.

THE ORIGIN OF THE OUTBREAK SHOULD BE KNOWN.

The Hon. Mr. Mehta seconded the proposition, remarking that if the Commissioner considered it necessary to have the opinion of an expert to guide him as to what direction the authorities should work, it was a thing they ought to do. Some efforts ought to be made to find out the real cause as to how the disease originated. Some said it was imported, some said it was due to drains, and some said it was something else. He must admit it was very pertinently pointed out by Mr. Vincent that it could not be drains, because he had shown that not one out of the large number of labourers working at the drains was affected. He believed some steps must be taken to ascertain the cause, and they were bound to make efforts in that direction. As was pointed out by Professor Muller, the Municipality would bear the cost of the expenses for the services of the expert, they must pay him the fees, his travelling expenses and the expenses of his stay in Bombay. He thought that the sum which would thus be required to be paid to him would be nothing compared to the value of the benefits derived from the results of his experiments.

The Municipal Commissioner pointed out that he had already communicated with the Government of India on the subject of an expert, and he believed one had been mentioned, and he did not think the present proposal should be pressed.

The Hon. Mr. Mehta remarked that if the Municipal Commissioner engaged the services of some other expert the Corporation would be glad to sanction the arrangement.

Dr. Bhalchandra remarked that such expert should also be conversant with all the local subjects.

Dr. Viegas moved an amendment to the effect that in the opinion of the Corporation it was desirable that Dr. Surveyor should be appointed by the Corporation to work in association with Dr. Haffkine. Dr. Viegas took this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Corporation the very valuable services rendered by Dr. Surveyor, who came forward voluntarily and who had made so many important experiments with regard to this disease. It was highly desirable that the Corporation should have in association with Dr. Haffkine a doctor of the standing and stamp of Dr. Surveyor. Why should the Corporation have another expert when they had a local bacteriologist of the stamp of Dr. Surveyor? The Commissioner had already informed them the Government of India appointed an expert, and the question being an important one the Corporation must appoint another independent expert of their own.

Dr. Katrak seconded the amendment.

Professor Muller offered to withdraw his proposition if his seconder permitted.

The Hon. Mr. Mehta, who has seconded the proposition, was in favour of withdrawing the proposion. He did not think it was desirable to fetter the Commissioner's discretion. It was not desirable to discuss the merits of the experts and tie down the hands of the Commissioner. It must be left to the Commissioner to engage the services of an expert for the purpose already stated.

Professor Muller's proposition was then allowed to be withdrawn.

A confusion ensued as to whether Dr. Viegas could press his amendment. Many members were of opinion that the proposition being withdrawn, the amendment necessarily fell through.

Rai Bahadur Luxmon Singh asked the President if the amendment could be put to vote after the motion was withdrawn.

The President: Yes, as it now becomes the original motion.

Mr. Master: You are quite right, sir.

Dr. Viegas made a verbal change in his motion that Dr. Haffkine should be asked if he would work in association with Dr. Surveyor.

Mr. P. N. Wadia suggested that by such an addition they were putting Dr. Surveyor in a bad position.

Dr. Viegas' motion was then put to vote, but lost.

THE MEETING OF THE MEDICAL UNION AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Last evening a meeting of members of the Bombay Medical Union and of the local medical profession was held, at the Bombay Medical Union Hall, Readymoney Building, Apollo Bunder, for the purpose of exchanging views and experiences on the prevalence of bubonic fever in Bombay. The honorary secretaries, Drs. B. S. Shroff and K. M. Heeramanek, requested in their circular those who had treated patients suffering from bubonic fever to favour them with, or to bring with them to the meeting, a list of the names of persons affected, noting the dates on which they came under treatment, the principal symptoms, the localities in which they occurred, the treatment adopted, and the results. On the motion of Dr. A. P. Cama, seconded by Dr. A. D. Mody, Dr. Atmaram Pandurang was called to the chair, and there was a very large attendance of native medical gentlemen, among those present being Dr. Waters and Dr. McCabe Dallas.

The chairman, in addressing the meeting, said that, as he was now a retired medical man with very little medical practice, and had not seen a single case of Bubonic fever, it would have been much better to have called to the chair Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, who was conversant with these cases, but who, he feared, was detained at the meeting of the Municipal Corporation that evening. The Chairman said he would, however, do his best under the circumstances, and he asked the secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

Dr. K. M. Heeramanek read the notice convening the meeting.

The chairman said that gentlemen should begin by reading the notes of cases that had come under their treatment.

Dr. Waters stated that he and Dr. McCabe Dallas, had with them notes and observations. He suggested that if Dr. McCabe Dallas began reading his notes he (Dr. Waters) would follow him.

Dr. McCabe Dallas then said:—The difficulties to contend with in cases of this outbreak, difficulties which no doubt have been experienced by other practitioners, is the fact of changes in professional attendance and the sequence which naturally results from constant interference on the part of the patients' friends, under British rule. The Sanitary laws are too modest in respect to compulsory removal to properly constructed and equipped infectious wards, where systematic treatment and observation, could be adopted with far better results, than under what might be termed the present voluntary system in force. That were it possible to cause such compulsory removal without creating unnecessary panic, and treating cases in the manner indicated, the mortality would, and could, be materially reduced instead of allowing patients to be treated in proportion to their means, or capabilities of paying fees, and using their own inclinations in this direction—a condition of things which any continental country would not countenance, without attempting to discuss the origin of the disease or its infectious nature. I am disposed to opine, that what causes it in one, will do so in another, but as far as I have been able to observe, it is not infectious, in the same light as small-pox and other eruptive fevers are as to being communicated from person to person. Despite the concensus of opinion that the disease is plague, I consider the expression too incomprehensive to signify what an actual plague means. In relation to an epidemic of blood-poisoning developing bubonic enlargements that a peculiar form of sepsis has occurred can hardly be disputed, but whether it originated *de novo*, or from a specific local cause, is yet a matter of speculation, which, we hope, the Commission will be able to elucidate. Leaving insanitation aside for the moment, it appears to me peculiar that the disease, so far as is has advanced, is chiefly confined to a circumscribed area and among a vegetarian population irrespective of the fact that two sections of the Mahomedan community—Kojahs, and Memons—are practically associated in business and residence in the same locality. It is also a complex question just now, I believe. While looking to the presence of the kitasato bacillus in rats, whether they have not been primarily responsible for what has happened, through the admixture of their excreta, or otherwise, in contaminating the cereals or other food which may or may not he eaten cooked, by this vegetarian population implicated. The symptoms of those cases treated by members of the profession have no doubt been carefully noted. I shall only touch on one prominent indication which has attracted my attention, in almost every instance, and pointed out by me to several European medical gentlemen, that is the influence of the poison on the heart and circulatory system. There seems a great softness, and compressibility, and this in proportion to duration of the attack in connection with the pulse. The heart presents no abnormalty in sounds or size on percussion, providing, of course, none existed before the disease set in, but judging from auscultation, there is a considerable want of tone in volume and sound both in its systolic and diastolic movements, the values are alright except that they share in this atony. This leads me to suspect a softening, or degeneration in its substance analogous to Myocarditis, but whether the Pathological effect is the same can only be demonstrated by a post mortem examination. I am, therefore, convinced to a degree, that whatever steps be adopted in the line of treatment towards the reduction of temperature, the elimination of any morbid products, the general support of the patients, and locally in regard to the glands, that the condition of the heart ought to be kept prominently in view, lest it be overtaken by paralysis at any stage, even up to a convalescent period. It is unnecessary to debate on the morbid effect of any infectious poisons on the pneumo gastric and sympathetic nerves, whether through the blood or a disordered protoplasm. But I feel sure stimulants are absolutely essential from the beginning, and all food should be freely peptonised, especially as the staple article in this respect with the cases, is milk. An external examination of the other organs reveals nothing of interest, either in size or tenderness. Experiments with the sphymograph made by Dr. Deane, on a typical case of mine yesterday brought out the potency in tone and energy of the heart. There were no signs of any obstruction, but the up and down strokes were feeble and deficient, while the three dicrotic manes were ill developed and no more than just recognisable. (Cheers.)

Dr. Waters gave a comprehensive account of the epidemiological aspect of the bubonic fever. He did not consider it to be contagious, but was of opinion that persons derived it from the same source, not from one another. Dr. Waters was of opinion that segregation of the affected persons was necessary merely in the interest of humanity. It would have little affect in mitigation of the disease beyond facilitating sanitary operations. Dr. Waters gave cogent grounds for his belief as to the out-break in Bombay, and his remarks will be given in our early issue. He described the peculiar situation of Mandvie, and his discourse formed a valuable complement to that of Dr. McCabe Dallas, whose remarks dealt with the clinical aspect of the question; while Dr. Waters' speech dealt with the general aspects.

The chairman to Dr. Waters: Why should the disease be confined to Mandvie, and why should it not have extended to other grain-eating districts?

Dr. Waters: Because Mandvie is more open to influences of the fever.

The chairman: There might be some other causes for the fever?

Dr. Waters: They must be the meteorological causes.

Dr. U. L. Desai next addresed the meeting on bubonic fever generally.

Dr. A. D. Modi suggested the desirability of medical gentlemen, who had personal knowledge of the matter and had patients treated by them, giving the benefit of their experience to the meeting.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed rose to address the meeting, and in answer to Dr. B. S. Shroff, said that he believed the first case of bubonic fever that came under his notice was about the 3rd September last. In several cases, he noticed swellings in the groins. These cases not being cases of an ordinary type, he wrote to the Health Department, drawing attention to them and complaining of the bad condition of the houses and drains in the locality. The Health Department at once adopted measures for cleansing and fumilgating; and Dr. Ismail was glad to be able to testify that the locality in question escaped from the disease. The cases he had treated were those not of poor bigarees only, but even wealthy Mustanes merchants, who lived in dirty, filthy places. There were three important questions, namely, whether the disease was a plague, whether it was contagious, and whether it had been imported? It was contagious in one sense, namely, where a healthy person exposed himself to the same conditions as the sufferer. Dr. Ismail having dilated on these questions, remarked that he knew that the Port Trust drains had been silted up, and had not been opened and cleansed for a very long time. It had been complained that night-soil had been thrown into them, which was, he said, being done all over the towns. (Cheers.) Dr. Ismail thought that the plague was simply an intensified form of the Bombay fever. (Hear, hear from Dr. Waters.) Dr. Ismail added that the plague bacilli had been found in patients suffering from the disease.

Dr. Waters: Here in Bombay?

Dr. Ismail: Yes, Dr. Surveyor found them.

Dr. Waters and Dr. Chowksey said it was only in one case.

Dr. Ismail proceeded to say that the symptoms exhibited in cases of rat bites were somewhat if not closely, similar to cases of bubonic fever. The germs of the disease in rats had been intensified in human beings by meteorological conditions. Dr. Ismail did not call the disease a plague, but would remark that the Health Department did deserve to be flamed, more or less, for allowing things to get into their present condition. (Applause.) There had been cases of the disease at Khetwady and Islampura, not only of Hindus, but of Khojas and other Mahomedans. He thought that these cases arose from the insanitary and neglected condition of the districts where the disease prevailed. (Applause.)

Dr. N. H. Chowksey said he had nineteen cases under his treatment, of which six terminated fatally. He gave instances of the obstacles thrown by ignorant sufferers and their relatives in the way of the measures proposed by the authorities.

Dr. D. C. Patel, partner of Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, said that the first case of the disease came under his notice on the 1st September last. He had treated fifty cases, in all of which the clothing, bedding, drains, and gullies were filled with filth and dirtiness.

Dr. Rajabali Visram Patel then related his experiences of the disease; and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

PHENYLE OR PHENOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I observe that Dr. Simpson of Calcutta in his "Advice to Householders," transcribed in your issue of this morning, gives the sensible advice to flush all drains, etc., with water, to which a disinfectant such as Phenyle, Carbolic Acid or Jeye's Fluid has been added. He goes on, however, to say that "these can be obtained from any bazaar or Chemist." This is, to say the least, misleading. Without entering into the relative merits of the above disinfectants I may say, as representing the sole agents for the first-named (Phenyle

o those parts of Walkeshwar where people from he plague-stricken districts are flocking. These parts re very near Malabar Hill. The condition of the oad and steps leading to Banganga is filthy and the tench is dreadful. It is to the vicinity of these arts, the people from plague-stricken districts re flocking, and are likely to do some serious nischief. It would be worthwhile giving a few ours cleaning and disinfecting to these parts. A good deal has been said about rat mortality in the eginning of the plague in Mandvie district and at resent in Colaba and other districts. It may be, hey all did die of plague; however, one cannot help easoning that humidity and organic impurities are most felt, at the lowest atmospheric strata. The godowns full of grain and other stuff are at the best ll-ventilated and when chokeful of stuff have but a ew cubic inches of air space left for rats to breathe n. Perhaps in these days of excessive heat and tmospheric humidity the rats succumbed to the ame fate, as the unfortunate victims of the black-ole of Calcutta.

In view of the fact that all labourers working in he drains of Mandvie district are safe, one doubts if all the rats did die of the ravages of the bacillus of Professor Kuty Saya and not of any other cause or causes combined. May it not be a series of heat-strokes and similar causes. One has however to account for the appearance of bubo or buboes in the present epidemic. The matter that induced fever in a living organism, whether it be a microbe or a dose of organic impurity, is not allowed to have all its own way by the white corpuscles of the blood. These white corpuscles in our blood are sentinels who watch over the safety of the organism and fight to death before they permit the ravages of a germ invasion. When these white corpuscles are failing, the various lyaephotic glands of the body assume unusual activity and become large, to produce more white corpuscles that they may keep up the struggle. Enlarged lymphatic glands or buboes do not occur only in bubonic fever, but they also occur in typhus, typhoid erysipela, small-pox, scarlet fever, measles, and a host of other diseases. In all these diseases all civilized cities (except Bombay) practise immediate isolation. It would not be a matter of great expense, if a few tents or sheds were erected by the sea-side, either in the plain near Chowpaty or elsewhere, to practise isolation. Those cases that die in the city would certainly recover by the sea-side, under the disinfecting influence of ozone. Why delay in carrying out this simple measure and stamp out the plague at once. Another precaution necessary is to interdict all close gatherings of human beings in badly ventilated places, as theatres and schools, and also warn the public not to expose themselves to the sun particularly upon an empty stomach and avoid such other predisposing causes. Bombay is dignified with the name of a European city, with no stringent law for the notification of infectious diseases, and no act for the registration of qualified medical practitioners. If it was possible to make a house to house visitation throughout Bombay in a season like this, it would open the eyes of the Government, that permits the people entrusted to its care by providence, to be victims of a fearful system of quackery, by unqualified practitioner who cauterizes every fever patient in some part of the body or another. In this present crisis there is one consolation, however, that the resources of the Municipality of Bombay are not found limited to cope with a crisis like this.—Yours, &c.,

U. L. DESAI, M.D., B.S., L.R.C.P., &c.

VIII.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Much has been published in the English and the Gujarati dailies about the bubonic plague which "has surely taken a much greater number of victims" than that announced to the public and which, in spite of the stringent measures adopted by the city authorities has already progressed to other localities. It is really undesirable that the people should be frightened by the big reports of the plague, but it is equally undesirable that the suppressed reports and the outward easy talk of the fever by responsible authorities in some quarters should put the public out of their mettle, and thus make them ignore the proper and precautionary measures to be taken, and be the means of conveying the disease from one locality to the other. The real and exact cause of the disease is so far unknown. Medical men with all the resources at their command have so far maintained unequal war with the plague. The measures adopted by the authorities cannot but make us speak of them with the highest praise. They have taken and are taking most stringent measures in the affected localities. But some restrictive measures must be taken in the unaffected quarters also. Attention has been drawn in your issue of Saturday by "F. M. B." to the cleaning and fumigating of certain streets in the Fort. May I as well ask permission to draw the attention of the authorities through the medium of your valuable paper to the now filthy state of the Warden Road which is growing filthier day by day. At the near vicinity of the Mahaluxmi temple, some scores of Hindu Sadhoos from Nassik have taken up their abode in an open space, and are seen every morning making free use of the ordinary rain water drains running along the two sides of the road as public latrines. Only this morning, Sir, I saw a long row of these Sadhoos, some cleaning their household utensils on the road, others throwing the remnant of their last night's meal to hungry crows, and others making their morning ablution with not at all clean water taken out of a well in the compound of the adjacent house of a Hindu gentleman. Coming to this side of the road near the Mahaluxmi battery, a few natives off and on are seen making nuisances on the seashore. Last year a police Rancose was posted at this point to prevent people making such nuisances; and I cannot see any reason why the policeman who stands at the junction of the Warden and the Nepean Sea Roads should not be instructed to perform a similar duty now. Besides this a few dhobies are daily to be seen washing dirty clothes in water emanating from different drains opposite the Chateau Petit.—Yours, &c.,

P. H. D.

IX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I regret to inform you that although fresh cases of bubonic fever are daily occurring in Kamatipoora, the Municipal authorities do not seem to take any active steps in that direction. If it were to direct all its attention and energy to the affected locality only, then surely it is endangering the lives of persons living in this or other parts of the city. It is true they are burning sulphur and damur in almost all lanes, but such as putting carbolic powder in the gutter and flushing of the drains is not done in all lanes. In some lanes the drain is only half flushed, the other being left unflushed. This shows how mindful the Municipality are of the poor population of Kamatipoora. The Corporators of E ward seem to take no notice of the filthy state of Kamatipoora. They seem as if sleeping over the matter. This is indeed a most deplorable state of affairs. I therefore appeal to the authorities concerned to do all that is needful in the matter.—Yours, &c.,

R. D. MAMID.

X.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—As leeches are largely recommended and used in the prevalent bubonic fever at Mandvie, on enquiry I learn that they are allowed to be taken away after application. Your readers are aware how common the practice of leech applying is in this country, and I suggest that proper measures should be taken in the interests of the public for their destruction as they may otherwise prove the means of spreading the fever.—Yours, &c.,

Oct. 5. L. G.

THE SCARE IN CALCUTTA.

Speaking at the meeting of the Calcutta Commissioners, yesterday, when the vital statistics for May last were placed on the table, Dr. J. C. Bose, said that the general mortality during the quarter under review had been higher than that of the last seven years except 1889. The next month the deaths from cholera were still higher and those from fevers, also increased. It was an admitted fact that sewer gas, which was generated from the decomposition of animal and vegetable matter, caused the low fever prevalent in Calcutta, and that infectious diseases were communicated by rags, clothes, and bedding which had been used by persons suffering from infectious diseases. He had frequently seen, especially of a Sunday, rags and articles of clothing completely saturated with dirty decomposed liquid sewage being taken out of the sewage waggons standing by the side of the platforms on the northern end of Circular Road, exposed and dried there, and bundled up for use in multifarious ways. This rag-picking had partly ceased when he brought the matter to the notice of the Commissioners about the time of the last small-pox epidemic, but the business had since revived, and the rag-pickers were going about again collecting rags full of infection and spreading the infection. He suggested that effective steps should be taken to stamp out this source of communicating infection. Then, again, in places where broken stones and metalling were thrown on the roadside either by contractors or rate-payers, very often refuse of all kinds was carelessly thrown over it. The Roads Department refused to remove these heaps because of this covering of refuse, and the Conservancy Department declined to remove these heaps because they considered them building materials, with the result that the stuff was allowed to rot on these heaps and become a nuisance and a source of danger to all living or moving near them. It was satisfactory to note that these heaps were being removed since Dr. Simpson had issued orders for the thorough cleansing of the town for the purpose of preventing the probable arrival of the bubonic plague. He suggested that these heaps which had not yet been removed should be attended to immediately. The speaker also drew attention to the horrible condition in which the latrines, etc., all over the city were, especially those in the native quarters of the town. They required flushing much more frequently and thoroughly than they usually received, and were a great source of danger. He also thought that nuisances were committed in narrow lanes and gullies to a mischievous extent, and suggested that steps should be taken to prevent this practice.

THE BENGAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SCARE.

The following letter, dated Darjiling, the 30th September 1896, has been addressed by Mr. H. H. Risley, Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta:—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters regarding the reported outbreak of plague in Bombay and in reply to forward, for the information of the Commissioners, copies of a telegram despatched by this Government to the Government of Bombay, and of the replies thereto. The telegram of to-day's date from His Excellency the Governor shows that the character of the disease is still open to question; that active measures are being taken by the Bombay Government to deal with it; and that all unnecessary panic or excitement regarding it is much to be deprecated. At the same time it is obviously desirable to take every reasonable precaution to prevent any outbreak of the disease in Calcutta, and to detect at the earliest possible moment any cases that may occur. Under the provisions of section 37 (5) (*h*) of Bengal Act II. of 1888, the preventing or checking the spread of dangerous disease is one of the obligatory duties of the Municipality, and sections 321 to 334 of the Act contain the detailed provisions of law on the subject. The Lieutenant-Governor will be quite ready to sanction any measures which the Commissioners may desire to initiate under those sections. To begin with it appears desirable to declare that bubonic plague or any form of typhus fever with glandular swellings is a dangerous disease, regarding any case of which information shall at once be communicated to the Commissioners or their Health Officer under Section 331.

The next step is for the Commissioners to select a site for a temporary Plague Hospital away from the main thoroughfares, and to arrange for its prompt erection should the need arise. The hospital should be built of matting and T-iron or bamboos in blocks to contain 10 patients each. Provisional contracts could no doubt be arranged for the rapid construction of such a building if required.

I am to say, with reference to a query irregularly addressed by the Health Officer to Government direct, that the Campbell Hospital cannot be used for the purposes of a Plague Hospital.

The Commissioners should, if the disease breaks out, have special carts (drawn by bullocks and specially marked) provided, one at each police station for the conveyance of cases to hospital. Provisions for disinfecting both carts and drivers in the vicinity of the hospital after each journey would be necessary.

If the disease appears, the town will have to be divided into Sanitary Circles of manageable size, and a Medical Inspector placed in charge of each, with full powers to carry out the measures that may be ordered by the Commissioners or Government for preventing the spread of the disease. Action under section 334 of the Act will then be necessary, and the Government will be prepared to appoint a Medical Board to assist the Municipality in devising measures to deal with the out-break.

The Lieutenant-Governor trusts, however, that no necessity for such measures will arise. Meanwhile he entirely approves of the steps that are being taken under the Commissioners' orders to give special attention to the cleansing and sanitation of the town. The Municipality of Howrah will be instructed to take similar steps.

QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

An idea of the pleasures of being in quarantine may be gathered from the following letter which recounts experiences of some passengers from Ceylon in quarantine off Marseilles a month ago:—

Mr. H. Bucknall, writing to the *Times of Ceylon* says:—The passengers by the M. M. "Ernest Simons" had to go through some strange experiences. I and other Ceylon men were passengers by the M. M. steamer "Ernest Simons," which left Colombo on the 16th of August last. We did a remarkably quick passage in spite of rough weather in the Indian Ocean and a break down on the part of the engines in the Red Sea. We wasted, however, 24 hours at a port named Djibottal on the African coast, the day after leaving Aden, as a few passengers landed there for Madagascar, and this delay has been the cause of all our trouble, for a third-class passenger dying in the Red Sea, and a first and third-class passenger also dying the morning before we got into Marseilles, the consequence was we had to fly the yellow flag and go into quarantine harbour. This we expected would mean a delay of 12 to 24 hours, as the French harbour regulations are that no vessel must land passengers till it has been more than 5 days out from an Egyptian port, and we had taken a little over four days from Port Said.

You may well imagine our disgust therefore when the ship's doctor and Captain returned with their orders after many hours delay (due to it being necessary to wire to Paris for instructions), and it was notified to us that we were to be landed on this barren little Island, there to be kept for five days.

However, indignation and protestations were of no avail and down the vessel side we went and were marched off to barracks like so many convicts. The Dutch people on board, however, took the opportunity of writing to their Consul, and we did the same to the English Consul in Marseilles, but up to date we have had no reply.

The arrangements on shore are most primitive, but under the circumstances we are fairly comfortable, and did they only allow us to bathe and to walk about a little more we might be happier, but everything is "defendu" and "impossible" even to the filling of one's baths.

We are 169 of us, all told, quartered here all in separate classes, our sleeping quarters destitute of furniture, carpets, and ornaments, and with huge empty corridors where every sound resounds and reminds one forcibly of old school days once more. There are a long list of penalties posted up *re* the breaking of quarantine rules death being the penalty for several, and as some of us have already bathed in the sea I presume we have already forfeited our lives.

The island on which we are quartered is named "Friout," and is a bleak barren mass of white sandstone, the buildings on it being the usual type of French architecture, built of stone with green shutters and tiled roofs. We find that no one has been quartered here for over three years, and the most comical part of the whole establishment is the telegraph office, presided over by an old sailor who had rusted there with his instruments for the past three years, and you can imagine well his grief and perplexity when he had some 50 telegrams or more poured upon him within a few hours, the consequence being that the old fellow lost his head, tore his hair in despair, and the last I saw of him was being personally conducted from the nearest canteen that night to which he had retired to drown his troubles, and we heared later on that our telegrams had been sent off in a budget to Marseilles the following morning, and a new telegraph operator had been sent for. It is hard to see the lights of Marseilles at night so near, and to feel that we are only ten minutes or more off our destination, but we are doing our best to make the time pass quickly, and as I write this we have received the welcome news that we will be put on board to-morrow and be declared fit to resume our places among out fellow men.

Our amusements consist of going for letters to the Post Office, to which is attached another building where people from Marseilles are allowed to enter, and they are separated from us by an iron grating about 12 feet apart through the bars of which they gaze at us like animals at the Zoological Gardens. This I discovered is the only sort of communication all officials on board the "Ernest Simons" are allowed to have with their wives and relations, but the hardest luck of all has been the case of a waiter on board who informed me that he was to have been married last Wednesday, and now all he is able to do is to talk to his future bride through iron bars.

I fortunately brought a cricket bat on shore with me, and have already had cricket under difficulties, in which we have tried hard to induce the French to join, but that, together with our keenness on batting, seems past their comprehension.

The Ceylon people on shore here number nine only, all told, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Sayres with their little boy, Miss Lowndes, and Messrs. MacBride (who has been too ill to take part in anything), Jemmet Brown Warren, Graham Clarke, and myself, but I should imagine it is an experience through which but few in Ceylon can have passed, and which I feel sure none of us have any particular ambition to go through again. I wonder if any one, however, has had the pleasure of paying R 250 for a bath, which is the only figure on this benighted spot at which one can be obtained.

Still with the charms of picking up sea-shells and improving one's French, I can strongly recommend the spot to any Ceylon people wishing to pass a week in perfect quiet and stillness by the sea-side, and did they not help us to our food at meals like children, we might feel a little less like prisoners on this dreary spot.

The latest bit of news has been that Mr. Clarke has had the option of a fine of £4 or imprisonment for three days for daring to swim out to the "Ernest Simons" as she lay in harbour. We will I trust, however, reach our respective homes by Thursday next, which will be exactly one week's delay, for the pleasure of which we are paying at the rate of about 12 francs per day; and I presume we must be thankful that it is not more.

LARGE numbers of the smaller Indian merchants have left Zanzibar for Bombay and others are leaving. The hope is generally expressed among Europeans at Zanzibar that the Government will decide to substitute Indian troops for the Zanzibari Askaris.

ROWLANDS KALYDOR is a most delightfully cooling, soothing, healing, refreshing, and emollient milk for the skin. It prevents and removes reddest and sunburn, soothes and heals stings of insects, cures prickly heat, &c.; renders the skin soft and delicate, and produces a clear and healthy complexion. It is warranted free from any poisonous ingredients. Ask any dealer in perfumery. For Rowlands' Kalydor, and avoid poisonous and worthless imitations.

NEWS OF THE DAY

THE Burzil Pass is at present under deep snow and impassible.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL W. GATACRE, officiating in Command of the Quetta District, is now in Simla on short leave.

CAPTAINS CRAVEN and Tomyns Browne, of the East Indian Railway Volunteer Corps, have been awarded the Volunteer Officers' Decoration.

THE native infantry lines at Royapuram, Madras, are to be given up, the wing of a regiment stationed there being moved to St. Thomas' Mount and located in the old European barracks.

THE mail tonga which left Shillong on the 28th September met a leopard on the road. The driver lost all control over the terrified ponies and the conveyance was precipitated down the khud. Both ponies were killed and the driver and syce dangerously injured.

IT has been settled that the garrison of Manipur shall be provided by regular troops and that the strength is not to be less than one battalion of native infantry. It is further ordered that the garrisons of Kohima in the Naga Hills and of Silchar shall each have a minimum strength of half a battalion of native infantry.

ANXIETY is felt at Ferozepore, and piquets from the 18th B. L. patrol the bazaars during the night. The Seaforth Highlanders have been warned to be in readiness should occasion arise. Nearly 800 starving vagrants are in the vicinity of the station.

THE reply of the Bengal Government to the letter of the Calcutta Municipal Chairman with reference to the measures to be adopted against the importation of plague into Calcutta indicates very clearly that under the provisions of section 37 of the Bengal Act II of 1888 "preventing or checking the spread of dangerous disease" is one of the obligatory duties of the Municipality, and that the Lieutenant-Governor will be quite ready to sanction any measures which the Commissioner may desire to initiate under sections 331 to 334 of the Act.

THE second game was between the Lucknow team (Captain Dallas, Mr. MacEwen, and Mr. Barlow) against the Patiala (Chail) team (the Maharaja of Patiala, the Maharana of Dholpur, and Hira Singh). The result was rather a surprise. The Maharaja of Patiala and Hira Singh were not in their usual form, while the Lucknow team played in brilliant form, Captain Dallas never leaving Hira Singh alone, while Mr. MacEwen as back scarcely let the ball pass him. Both teams were exceedingly well mounted, and the game was an exciting one. Lucknow eventually won by two goals and two subsidiaries to one goal and two subsidiaries. The final tie between the Hussars and the Lucknow team will be played on Monday.

THE season report for the week ending September 30th does not show any improvement in crop prospects in the Punjab. Spring crops have been sown in parts of Karnal, but none in Rohtak. The condition and prospects of the autumn crops are described as very bad in Rohtak, very poor in Delhi and Karnal, and poor in Sialkot and in unirrigated tracts of Lahore. They are good in Amritsar, Multan, and the canal irrigated tracts of Hissar. More rain is badly wanted in all districts. Signs of distress have appeared in Hissar and Delhi, and it is likely that relief works will have to be started. From the Central Provinces it is reported that a good shower or two is needed for the standing crops and winter sowings. In Central India the crops have been damaged for want of rain.

To those who are bent upon ambitious projects of rural sanitation, writes the *Pioneer*, we venture to commend the words with which the Commissioner of Burdwan closes his Divisional Report for 1895-96. Village sanitation, he admits, "remains as much a counsel of perfection without any practical results as ever." But, adds Mr. Buckland, "I have made inquiries and have every reason to suppose that any proposal to make further taxation for village sanitation and water-supply possible will be most unpopular and meet with strenuous opposition." We believe this to be a thoroughly wise warning. It is probable indeed that the hard times now setting in, will knock "detailed sanitary surveys" and a good many other ideas of the same type on the head for a considerable time to come, by sheer force of circumstance. But now the District Officer is extinct as a power in the counsels of the administration, it is for the press to reiterate hat in view of what is in store for the country not a needless penny should be taken from the pockets of the people. What might be indulgently regarded in better times as "fads" will come to mean wickedness if unseasonably persisted in.

WE hear constantly now, observes the Allahabad paper, of the way in which English manufactures are suffering by foreign competition, and in India we see for ourselves the direct effect of foreign imports. In the annual Trade Review it is noted, among other things, that the trade in matches has been much overdone during the last two or three years owing to the incursion into the market of the Japanese with large supplies of an extremely cheap and fairly good article. The Japs have managed to secure about one-third of the whole import trade; and "the better but dearer English matches seem unable to succeed in the competition for importations have declined heavily, and Norway, Sweden, Germany and Japan appear to be thrusting English matches out of the Indian market." This is a trade which is to the importer of the cheap article, whatever its quality may be; and English match-makers are never likely to have again any large share in it. Another branch of trade which has shrunk to smaller dimensions is that concerned with the import of umbrellas. Its value has declined from 48 lakhs annually to less than 35 lakhs, and it will probably go lower as a new industry, the re-covering of umbrellas, seems to be making fair headway.

RUMOURS have gained Currency in Calcutta that the Government intend raising a loan for famine relief purposes. There is, we understand, no intention of taking such an extreme step at present. The position is one which unquestionably causes anxiety, but famine in its true sense over a large area can only declare itself in the case of a general failure of the cold weather crops in the affected districts of the Punjab and North-West Provinces.

UNDER an old Resolution of the Government of India passed in 1889 loans may be granted by local Governments from the local loans account to municipalities "only for works of public and general convenience and utility, such as drainage, waterworks, bridges, and the like, and not for works which are merely or mainly ornamental or convenient, such as a town hall, public gardens or a market place." It is now notified that loans may be granted by local Governments in cases excluded by this rule, but on condition that they are rapid within a period not exceeding ten years.

THE following precautions have been taken on the East Indian Railway to prevent the spread of the plague to the East Indian Railway stations. Native doctors while special knowledge of the symptoms of the plague have been posted at Asansol, Allahabad, and Tundla with instructions to see that none of the passengers arriving by the Bombay trains are suffering from the disease. The ticket collectors will take special note of Bombay passengers and direct the attention of the native doctor to these passengers. In the event of any case being detected those suffering will be removed and medically treated, while their fellow travellers in the same compartment will be freshly accommodated and their names and addresses sent forward to their destination for report to the civil authorities. The carriages in which cases are detected will be detached from the train and disinfected. A rumour had got abroad that a case of suspected plague had been discovered in Calcutta, but there is absolutely no truth in this.

THE Simla Polo Tournament semi-finals were played on Firday afternoon. In the first game the 18th Hussars met the second Patiala team and won by three goals and two subsidiaries to one subsidiary. The 18th played well together, and Wood as back was especially good.

DURING the past week, says a contemproary, a certain amount of rain has been received over Lowea Bengal, Assam, Burma, and the Peninsula. In fact in the peninsula the rainfall has been unusually heavy for the time of year, and apparently there has been some local disturbance to the south of Ceylon; but the ships which have arrived in Bombay and reported the weather experienced crossing, from the Mauritus to India have shown that practically no monsoon winds were crossing the equator, so that there was not much chance of the disturbance to develope, and the disturbed weather was confined to Southern India. A considerable change has however occurred during the past few days in Northern India. The barometer, which at the beginning of the week marked much higher than usual, has now fallen to about normal or to below the normal, and a depression has advanced from the westward across the Punjab. At the same time rain has fallen heavily in Kashmir and has extended along the hills to Simla, which it reached on Friday evening. Hence it seems likely that the weather will be unsettled for a day or two in the extreme North-West, and that showers of rain will fall at the same time. The advance of this storm and unsettled weather from the westward is itself a sign that the conditions which determine the monsoon rainfall to India have ceased for this year, and that unless through the occurrence of an unexpected storm any general rainfall is improbable.

AT the Calcutta opium sale on Firday 3,250 chests realised the average of Rs. 1,319-1-5 per chest, making a total of Rs. 42,87,045. The highest price for Behar was Rs. 1,305, and the lowest Rs. 1,300, an average of Rs. 1,302-11-0, while for Benares the highest price was Rs. 1,360, and the lowest Rs. 1,320 an average Rs. 1,336-7-9 per chest.

IT has for some time been expected that in view of the serious rise in the prices of Indian wheat, American wheat would come into competition with the indigenous grain. This anticipation now proves to be correct, and we shall presently see Californian wheat laid down in Calcutta at something like Rs. 4 four annas per B. md. Perhaps remarks the *Englishman* when the dealers who are thus heedlessly rushing up rates are brought face to face with the consequences of their action they may realise that there are limits to everything, and that in their case those limits have been emphatically overstepped.

ON the 17th ultimo *Madras District Orders* placed Royapuram out of bounds for British troops, owing to the prevalence of cholera; on the 1st instant Black Town generally was placed out of bounds for troops, on account of the continuation of the "epidemic" (*sic.*) Meanwhile, the Headquarters of the 14th M. I. were located at Royapuram, and it is only to-day that we learn that the abominably insanitary Lines in that District are to be abandoned. The scheme has been a long time in the throes of red tapeism; let us hope that the move to St. Thomas' Mount will be more expeditiously accomplished. A couple of buildings collapsed in the Lines the other day, but happily none of the men have followed suit.

FAVOURABLE accounts come from upcountry of Virago, the Patiala Cup candidate, who is reported to be very fit, and is said to be the best of the trio of the stable, Sprightly, Moth, and Virago. According to the betting, so far, Virago appears to be most favoured. Scott, the Patiala trainer, will not be down in Calcutta till the latter end of November, after the Meerut Autumn meeting, which closes on the 21st of that month. No English horses of note have been landed for the Patiala stable, so that it is safe to say that this stable will not be represented by a new Britisher, as was the case last year, when Virago revolutionised the betting. Her price from 4 to 1 most extraordinarily contracted to 3 to 1 in the course of a few days, but this is not likely to be repeated this year. Only one English colt imported this year may run in the Cup, Donegal, the Apcar representative, and the stable companion of Monastery. On his English record he is not likely to prove dangerous if he starts, though with a feather weight. Again, he is only a sprinter, and will have to be extended successfully.

HARDLY a week passes, as an up-country contemporary says, that the papers do not record some instance of poisoning by stupefying drugs—the immemorial confidence trick of the Indian serais and highways. A gentleman joins a party of wayfarers, entertains them with agreeable conversation, and after they have become thoroughly friendly, entertains them with a meal. The doctored provisions speedily send the whole party off into a stupor, and the thief robs them at his ease of all they possess and makes off. The story repeats itself incessantly in the police diaries, but seldom comes to light in so elaborate a form as that revealed by a recent case in the South Arcot district. A well-to-do old gentleman residing in a village fell sick: by means of an intermediary he was introduced to a physician of great pretensions. After an inierview the patient was told that his health might be cured if he would follow implicitly the treatment prescribed. A preliminary fee of Rs. 80 was paid down, and it was arranged that the treatment should commence on the 16th July last. On that evening the physician and his assistant the intermediary appeared at the house and performed certain ceremonies. To get the full benefit of the incantations it was necessary that the house should be locked up and doors bolted. Some pills were then given to *paterfamilias*, and the generous doctor suggested that it would do no harm if his wife and the other inmates of the household were to have a dose of his medicine also. The result of course was that in a few minutes they were all insensible, and the doctor and accomplice having leisurely rifled the house, decamped. The family were found next morning in a state of senselessness, but the police managed to lay hold of the accomplice, who confessed everything, and subsequently of the physician. All that the latter could bring forward in his defence at the Sessions trial was an *alibi*, which was a forlorn hope under the circumstances, and the sentence on the two scoundrels was one of five years' imprisonment a-piece. The punishment does not seem to err on the side of severity considering that the least error on the part of the poisoner will turn the crime into one of murder. The intention of course is not murder—but such dangerous and callous criminals surely deserve the severest treatment.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—The health statistics of Her Majesty's British troops in India for the year 1895, compiled from the usual weekly returns furnished by officers of the Army Medical Staff in charge of station hospitals are very satisfactory, in spite of the continued prevalence of venereal ailments. The ratio per 1,000 of admissions is 14·60; of deaths, 13·79; and of invaliding, 24·34. The total loss from both death and invaliding, 38 per 1,000, is nearly one-half less than in the decade 1870-79, when the figures reached 62 per 1000. The same paper states that eight or ten Army medical officers of over twenty years' service have applied to retire. These officers can claim £1 a day. It is the long tours of foreign service, no leave, and hard work that are inducing Army surgeons to clear out as soon as a fair retirement like £1 a day is obtained. Some have thrown up even promotion to brigade-surgeon's rank to remain at home and complete twenty-five years with the extra 2s. 6d. a day rather than face an Indian tour, so unpopular has Indian service become.

AFTER a successful tour of four months, the members of the ninth Australian team took their departure for America, where they are due to play a series of five matches commencing on September 18th. They left Waterloo by a special for Southampton and there embarked on the American line steamer New York. There was a large crowd on the platform to wish the voyagers, who were in the best of health and spirits, a safe return and an enjoyable time in the States, and hearty cheers were raised as the train steamed out and a similar send-off occurred at Southampton as the vessel quitted the quay side. Three matches are to be played at Philadelphia, one at Bayonne City and one at Chicago. The team embark from San Francisco on October 15th for Auckland, New Zealand, and play five matches in that country and one at Hobart, to bring the tour to a close. Lord Harris and Mr. A. N. Hornby telegraphed wishing them *bon voyage*.

THE ALIBAG MUNICIPALITY AND REFUND RULES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In order that the goods traffic of Municipal towns may not be seriously hampered by the *octroi* duty certain model refund rules were drafted about six years ago by the Legal Remembrancer for adoption by Municipalities under section 32 of the Amending Act (No. 2 of 1884). Government Resolution No. 1936 of 15th May 1890, General Department, has the following in reference to these rules:—"All Municipalities should revise their refund rules so as to bring them into harmony with these standard rules." Rule 3 of these model rules is as follows:—"Any amount exceeding eight annas paid in accordance with these rules on the import of any goods, shall on the export of the same within one year from the date of such payment be repayable by the Municipality to the person exporting, who imported, producing a receipt acknowledging the payment of the tax on the import of the same, notwithstanding that since such import the ownership or the interests therein may have changed, the bulk may have been broken, or the goods may have been converted by any process of manufacture." The meaning of the above rule and the intention of the Government Resolution thereon are as plain as anything. The Alibag Municipality, however, for reasons best known to its members, would appear even after such a long interval to cling fast to an old rule adopted so far back as the year 1882 and grant no refunds. Mr. Govind Baba Gurjar, landholder of Alibag, applied for such refunds, and was flatly told that under the present rules of the Municipality the refund claimed could not be granted. I take the liberty of quoting the particular cherished rules of the Municipality by which the refund was refused. They are:—"Refund of duties levied on any goods imported shall be claimable if the said goods are exported within a year from the date of importation, and the fact of such goods having broken bulk or changed hands shall not prevent refunds being claimable—provided (*a*) That the amount of refund exceeds Rs. 2 on single receipt; and (*b*); That the claimant establishes the identification of the goods by the production of the receipt for the duty paid and of the packages, &c., intact, marked or sealed by the Municipal officer. Note: (To be adopted at discretion of Municipal Committee where there are no warehouses)—Goods intended for exportation shall be sealed or marked (either as imported or after having been made into packages by the owner to suit his convenience) at the Municipal office or other place appointed by the Municipality for such purpose. To meet the expense of marking or sealing, 10 per cent. of the amount of refund shall be credited to the Municipality." Mr. Govind Baba, who had to import the rice produce of his fields situated outside the Municipal limits, produced several receipts showing that an aggregate duty of about three rupees four annas had been paid, and it seems he was perfectly justified in claiming the refund. The Municipal authorities, however, having apparently set aside the intention of the legislature, and having strained the meaning of the wording of their rules a little too far, declined to grant the refund. They seem to have thought that because no single receipt was produced because the packages were not marked or sealed, the refund could not be claimed. Now, in the Alibag Taluka, a single bullock cart can carry only half a khandy or 10 maunds of unhusked rice, and as the import duty levied by the Municipality is two annas per khandy, one must at least bring seventeen khandis at one time, and perhaps in a single cart drawn by 34 bullocks, to claim the refund. But is this possible? The rice can be brought from the fields, only in small quantities at a time, just as it will be ready after the day's threshing operations. The Municipal receipts taken from day to day ought to be a sufficient safeguard to prevent fraud. The sealing of the packages is an equally impracticable thing. The cultivators bring the rice home in packages which they empty in a granary and use again the next day. When the rice is exported, not necessarily in one lump, the same process has to be adopted. Every member of the Municipality knows this, and yet the obviously impracticable and useless rules are allowed to remain. I put it to you, Sir, to say if such a procedure is not calculated to frustrate the intention of the legislature and make the so-called refund rules practically a dead letter. Will the Municipality see its way to mend matters as early as possible?—Yours, &c.,

Sept. 30. R.

B. A. EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—To-day I read in your columns a letter of one "B. N. C." of Poona on "B. A. Examinations," and I think he is one of those men who sincerely took to the letter of a sentence and utterly neglects the spirit of it when he, in his reply to a correspondent of the 22nd September, writes that the candidates are not oppressed in the manner for "one full week," but only for "five days." Better had he used his mathematical accuracy a little further, and said that strain was only for thirty hours. He expresses his pity very nobly for the condition of Indian minds, but opposes the remedy for curing its wretchedness. Does it not sound curious?

His arguments in support of the present system of the B. A. examination, I say, are utterly unsound and frivolous. He admits that the students of various colleges do require the prolongation of the duration of the examination and have actually applied to the Syndicate for its due consideration. Even the students outside Bombay have expressed their eager desire for the prolongation to the Syndicate. This being the true state of things, is it not foolish to say that it might be beneficial to Bombay students, and it actually causes the greatest inconvenience to the moffusil students? It might be a very small minority of the B. A. candidates that come from moffusil colleges. This is sufficient to show that the change is a benefit to a large majority of the B.A. candidates; and therefore deserves to be effected. The next thing "B. N. C." alleges is that some of the B. A. papers are simultaneously set for the L. C. E. and B. Sc. examinations. But how many are they? They are few in many. They are the only four voluntary papers of Mathematics and of Science. There are other six papers of compulsory subjects that have nothing to do with any other examination. If he had cared to see that the four voluntary papers can be set in the usual week without interfering any way with the time-tables of the L.C.E. and B. Sc. examinations, and that the other compulsory papers which are quite independent of any other examinations can be set during another week, he would never have brought forward the argument of the cumbrous and troublesome change of the time-tables of various examinations. It is indeed a matter of utmost pity that the "tested" University is at a loss to find out a way out of this difficulty—this so-called difficulty—of making slight and harmless changes in the time-tables of the examinations only partially connected with the B. A. examination. Let me conclude with a strong hope that the Syndicate would kindly consider the strain to which the mind and body of the students are required to succumb and would try to relieve the B. A. candidates from this civilized tyranny, as I may term it.—Yours, &c.,

M. B. M.

Elphinstone College, Oct. 1.

*** We allow our correspondent to express his own views in his own words.—Ed., *B. G.*

HIGH COURT.—OCTOBER 6.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.)

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.
Postponed Long Causes.

380-93—Wadia and G—Purshotumlal Gopinath and others vs Soorajmul Ramsukhdas—Tyebjee D and Co—Part heard.
636-95—Peetonji R and K—Nazer Mahomed Fatehally vs Veljee Ramjee and another—Brown and M.
466-95—Bhaishanker and K—Mahomed Moledina and another vs Haridas Sawchand—Little and Co.
23-96—Kharshedjee D Shroff—Goculdas Khooshalchand and others vs Ramgopal Mundiram—K J Mantri.
203-95—Ch ik W and S—Ramjidas Tribhowandas vs Utamram Icharam and another—Mirza H Khan.
492-95—Chaik W and S—Hajee Ismail Bawa and others vs Hajee Cassum Hajee Gani and others—Payne G and S. and Wadia and G.
372-96—Bhaishanker and K—Chagpal Jetha vs Vurjeewandas Bhadas Munnim—In person.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice FULTON.)

For Consent Decree.

78-96—Thakurdas D and C—Chimniram Mirzamal vs Kikabhoy Motibhoy—In person.

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.
Short Causes.

21-94—Bicknell M and M—Harmookhrai Khetsidas vs Gangaram Harmantr m and another.
401-95—Edgelow and G—Haji Jackaria Haji Moledina and others vs Haji Alli Haji Hassum.
220-95—Khunderao and S—Muncharam Modchand vs Soopchand Dharamchand.
376-96—Munji and K—Haridas Mowji and others vs Mehta Pranshanker Jamistram and others.
411-96—Hirilal M and M—Mathuradas Nursingdas vs Beharilal Sukhlal—Madhowji V.
472-96—Payne G and S—Vasta Megha vs Soni Nathoo Dhurma and others—Bhaishanker and K.
484-96—James Pease—Ebrahim Currim vs Sumsoodin Vaiya.

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.
Postponed Long Causes.

216-96—Ardeshir H and D—Ramchandra Khandojee vs Ludhabhoy Ebbrahim—Thakurdas D and C—Part heard.
440-94—Crawford B and Co—T S Weir vs Khatizabibi and others—Ardeshir H and D.
367-96—Ardeshir H and D—Gotamchand Dewchand and another vs Hajee Mahomed Mehdi Malektojar and others—Brown and M, Bhaishanker and K, and Thakurdas D and C.
605-95—M R Khan—Mugoomull Mewaram and another vs Shewandas Nowmull and others—Madhowjee V.
89-96—M D and Jamsetjee—Dwarkanath Sadanand Kale vs Munchershaw Bomonjee Chotia—Tyabjee D and Co.
187-96—J C Cama—Praga Panna and others vs Mahomed Mehdi Tharia Topen—Dinshi and D.
356-96—K D Shroff—Merwanjee Muncherjee Cama and another vs Navazbai—Sorabjee and J.
423-95—Madhowji V—Memon Hajee Ali Jan Mahomed vs Narsoo Dhurmaji and another—Sorabjee and J.

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THE LONGEST REIGN IN BRITISH HISTORY.

THE *Indian Spectator* makes the following graceful and loyal references to the Queen's reign: "This week Her Majesty breaks the record of the longest reign known to British History. That is no ordinary event; and, but for the Queen's own wishes to the contrary, it would have been duly commemorated. It is not the length so much, however, as the contrast between the bright tenor of its outward achievements,

THE LATE PRINCE LOBANOFF'S VIEW OF ENGLISH POLICY.

THE following article, culled from the *Army and Navy Gazette*, contains an interesting apercu of the point of view from which the late Prince Lobanoff, while Ambassador in London, regarded English policy. The reminiscence bears the stamp of Sir W. H. Russell, the veteran special correspondent, "the Pen of the Crimean War." It loses none of its interest on that account. Prince Lobanoff, who was destined to give a new impress to the foreign policy of Russia in the last eighteen months of his long life, appears to have foreshadowed even so long ago as the period when he was accredited to the Court of St. James the principles which Russia has followed with such remarkable success in the last year or two. The Prince's estimate of the value that the French Alliance would possess for England in the Far East and in Europe is remarkable, seeing the advantages which Russia has reaped and is reaping from knowing how to profit by a close understanding with that Power :—

The regret at the death of Prince Lobanoff to which the press of Europe has given expression had ample justification in the character of the man and in his policy. His was a commanding personality. If Europe owes anything to his labours, Russia owes him much. Prince Lobanoff accentuated her position, and carved out with masterly precision her share in shaping the destinies of the world. But it cannot be said that he was a friend to England, which has had the misfortune to have incurred the dislike of some great states men like Prince Bismarck and the Muscovite. The latter bore with ill-concealed uneasiness the exile, stately as it was, of his residence in London when he was Ambassador for a few shorts years. Prince Lobanoff had personal friends in England, and he recognised many noble points in the character of its people, and admired the learning which illustrated the annals of its great universities. But he was not a friend of Parliaments. With all his love of letters and his profound acquaintance with the works of the best writers in philosophy and history, he regarded an "educated proletariat" as a dangerous element in a State. Most courteous and most polished of men, he, as "Eothen" did, regarded argument as a heating process ; but in intimate society he did not hesitate to express his opinions with the utmost frankness. He was the guest one night at a "surprise" dinner given by an amiable lady—who had not then succeeded to the title which she now enjoys—in her lodging in a small street near Manchester-square, where the other guests were the late Duke of Sutherland, the late Mr. T. Chenery, a Roman Catholic Bishop (Pattison), and two other gentlemen of no particular importance. The Prince, who descended from a magnificent equipage, walked up the narrow staircase and entered the apartment with as much dignity and grace as if he were appearing in an Imperial or Royal salon, and in a few moments he was quite at his ease and delighted every one by his pleasant manner and excellent talk. But some expression of Mr. Chenery, indicating his dissent from a remark of the Prince, caused the latter to trice up a port and run out a gun, and presently we found ourselves listening to an animated conversation, in which Prince Lobanoff maintained that a state which depended on commerce and colonies could not last, as its extremities lay outside the centre of its life. "History shows that colonies when they become powerful will break away from the mother country and set up for themselves. They will protect their industries and by degrees become rivals. In the near future the United States, which sprang from your loins, will be your most formidable competitors all over the world. In any conflict (with us) she would range herself alongside our absolutism rather than with your feeble compromise between it and Republicanism. Your insular prejudices are so strong that you deliberately alienate the power which would exercise in union with you a preponderating influence in the Far East, and be a dominant factor in European complications." "Your Excellency means Russia, I suppose ?" said Mr. Chenery. "Certainly not ! All to be hoped for there is neutrality, benevolent as long as you are well-disposed. With France it is otherwise. She is gathering herself up ; her arm is still strong. France touches the hearts of Eastern nations. Of course, your steamships and your railways are powerful proofs of English enterprise ; but the great image of Napoleon still fills men's minds there. Though you hunted him out of Egypt and destroyed his navy, your great Nelson to them is nobody. In the East there are but three faiths, and there are only two Churches, the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox. All the world laughed when you installed a bishop at Jerusalem." Here was a point on which Mr. Chenery was very strong, and the discussion lasted till the carriages were announced. "If I were an Englishman," said Prince Lobanoff, "I would do my best to conciliate the public opinion of the world ; to secure peace, if possible ; if that were not possible without loss of honour, to secure friends. No one would behold without emotion the humiliation of this ancient, honourable, and distinguished people, or the ruin of the delightful island from which so much light has gone out into the dark places of the world. But you seem to court or to defy it."

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s s Nairung, 2862 tons, Captain W R Wright, which arrived in harbour on the 3rd instant from Calcutta (5th September) brought a general cargo and five deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain J C Tice, arrived in harbour on the 3rd instant from Karachi, brought a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr G E Fry, Lieut Farmer, Lt Coddington, Captain Matchan, Captain Lyon, Lt Timmis, Mr J Sladen, Mr Oomer Bux, Mr Dohvala, Mrs Pickering, 5 non-Commissioned Officers and 208 deck. She will sail to-day for Karachi via Kathiawar Coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mrs Warberton, Mr P Soonderjee and friend one native gentleman, and 55 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—OCTOBER 5.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd. Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A Crescent	905	Strickland	Natal	10-10	J A Cassum
B King Arthur	1047	Hansen	Gulf	8 & P	S N Co
C Naderi	1169	Raffin	Jedda	6-10	B & P S N Co
E Bullionist	2195	Sumner	Calcutta	7-10	F Muir
F Alphee	968	Desprot	Delegoa Bay	10-10	E de Baillow
G Akbar	1441	Baldwin	N F	H	C Joosub
M Merrit	449	Gillmore	Natal	D	Abdoola
O Arracan	1817	Dugued	Rangoon	W	& A Graham
Q Goa	1217	Plummer	Zanzibar	10-10	M M & Co

30 tons Crane.

Thibet 1693 Garrett H C Joosub

HARBOUR WALL.

Kaveri 553 Fakeera Mangalore 5-10 Shepherd & Co
Sabarmati 521 Ahmed Bhownuggar 6-10 Do.
Baba Auri 329 Fairweather Karachi 6-10 Do.

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd. Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
2 Arabia	2330	Read	Liverpool	13-10	W & A Graham
3 D Baduino	3044	Cowfa	Genoa	15-10	F Crocco
4 Lotimbro	1417	Beisito	China	8-10	F Crocco
8 Medusa	1692	Wallusching	Trieste	5-10	A L S N Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Dwarka 760 Tice Karachi 6-10 M M & Co

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 14·5s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·3s of Greenwich meantime.

The steamer Dwarka, Captain Tice, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Karachi, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Ganges, for Aden.
" Kerbella, for Calcutta, &c.
" Ikeafoe, for Shore and Maculla.

CALCUTTA.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 2.—Steamers Clitus, Maharani, Cocoanada and Kohinur.

THE papers are filled every day, writes the *World*, with announcements about the latter part of the tour of the Emperor and Empress of Russia, but these statements (all of which are French in origin) are wholly unworthy of notice. They are certainly not going to Italy. Strenuous efforts are being made by the French Government to induce the Empress to accompany her husband to Paris, but according to present arrangements, she will stay at Balmoral during his visit to France, meeting him again at Darmstadt. The statement that the Emperor and Empress will visit London is incorrect. If the weather is fine the Emperor is to proceed from Dundee or Leith to Cherbourg in the Imperial yacht, but if a change of plan should be advisable he will travel direct from Ballater to Portsmouth (by the Queen's route, via Reading and Basingstoke), and is to embark at that port. It is to be feared that the French enthusiasm about the Imperial visit will be considerably diminished when it becomes known that before returning to Russia the Emperor and Empress are to spend three weeks in Germany, at Darmstadt, Coburg, and Schwerin, and that their Majesties will pay a visit to the Empress Frederick at Friedrichshof, near Cromberg, where they are to have a second meeting with the Emperor William.

THERE is no truth in the statement that Major Lugard, Chief of the British West Charterland Company's Expedition, is "missing."

THE WEATHER.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

	Byculla. In. Cts.	Esplanade. In. Cts.	Fort. In. Cts.	Colaba. In. Cts.
Previously registered ...	88 44	86 69	93 2	87 12
Monday, Oct. 5	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Total ..	88 44	86 69	93 2	87 12
Total fall to Oct. 5 1895...	73 50	62 86	64 9	63 91
Total fall to Oct. 5 1894...	87 71	74 8	75 5	64 20

Rainfall at Byculla registered from 6 p. m. to 6 p. m. at the Esplanade and Fort from 8 a. m. to 8 a. m. ; and at Colaba from 6 a. m. to 6 a. m.

MATHERAN.

	In. Cts.
Previously registered	281 73
October 2	0 31
Total.....	282 4

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON MONDAY, THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1896.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutta standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45°.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shed with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

Stations.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	Wind, Direction.	Wind, Rate per hour.	Temperature in shade, Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in shade, Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	Rainfall, Past 24 hours.	Rainfall, Since 1st June, to date.	Variation, 1st June to date.
Lahore	29·810	W	3	90·6	63·1	57	...	7·46	...
Sirsa.....	29·838	WNW	6	87·3	66·3	54	...	9·26	...
Delhi	29·843	W	5	97·7	69·4	48	...	2·76	—5·46
Agra	29·851	NW	6	101·5	68·8	48	...	10·80	—10·14
Cawnpore ...	29·897	WNW	4	102·9	74·6	47	...	12·9	...
Allahabad...	29·781	W	2	104·1	74·3	67	...	19·84	—15·86
Jhansi.....	29·873	C	3	102·6	74·7	38	...	3·60	—6·62
Jacobabad..	29·903	C	2	95·0	66·6	54	...	1·85	—0·88
Karachi	29·902	ENE	4	85·8	67·0	47	...	13·07	—6·99
Jeypore	29·909	NW	5	96·8	66·0	44	...	11·43	—15·05
Ajmere	29·932	W	3	92·4	61·7	57	...	24·36	+4·53
Deesa	29·866	ENE	9	101·4	67·0	27	...	25·14	—0·51
Ahmedabad	29·857	NW	3	102·3	74·1	37	...	31·90	...
Bhuj	29·858	N	5	98·0	68·9	54	...	19·38	+5·82
Rajkot.....	29·874	NE	4	98·9	69·3	49	...	38·33	+10·31
Veraval	29·844	N	8	94·1	71·8	44	...	18·87	...
Neemuch ...	29·908	NNE	6	91·8	64·7	35	...	28·96	—1·35
Indore.....	29·891	NE	3	91·2	67·1	38	...	26·38	—5·22
Saugor	29·846	N	4	93·3	72·6	32	...	37·15	—7·58
Jubulpore ...	29·833	N	1	96·5	70·1	47	...	65·35	+9·35
Hoshangabad.....	29·867	N	1	96·9	73·1	43	..	41·39	—10·73
Khandwa ...	29·863	NE	3	100·7	76·1	35	...	33·54	+3·34
Raipur	29·802	NNW	3	96·9	75·1	69	...	62·28	+15·44
Nagpur	29·814	Calm	1	99·3	76·6	55	...	39·27	+5·97
Amraoti	29·819	NNW	4	101·3	76·8	47	...	29·61	—2·31
Akola	29·824	SE	2	102·3	76·8	53	...	25·35	—6·64
Surat	29·832	W	L	94·7	79·1	73	...	42·01	—3·90
Malegaon	29·847	WNW	4	98·9	77·1	67	...	22·76	+1·40
Bombay.....	29·817	NE	9	91·8	81·2	73	..	86·86	+16·21
Poona	29·856	ESE	9	87·5	70·9	61	...	26·90	+5·47
Ahmednagar	29·842	NNE	5	96·4	72·4	58	...	15·69	...
Aurangabad.....	29·856	Calm	3	91·8	71·2	65	0·18	27·59	...
Sholapur ...	29·831	Calm	5	0·2	70·0	35	...	10·41	—15·96
Ratnagiri ...	29·822	ESE	4	89·4	73·9	79	...	69·41	—36·64
Belgaum	29·847	Calm	8	92·2	63·9	64	...	57·75	+19·86
Goa	29·848	Calm	7	89·1	73·4	91	..	71·00	...
Karwar	29·852	ENE	3	90·3	70·5	88	...	101·96	—13·75
Mangalore..	29·852	ENE	2	88·3	77·1	83	..	116·08	+12·74
Calicut	29·845	ESE	6	87·7	75·0	84	...	93·98	+13·15
Cochin	29·838	NE	L	88·2	73·7	87	2·12	89·41	+13·15
Bangalore..	29·872	ESE	5	83·3	62·9	73	..	14·87	—5·51
Secunderabad.....	29·825	C	4	97·7	69·4	59	...	19·70	—6·71
Masulipatam.	29·814	WNW	3	92·6	76·9	81	...	22·99	—1·97
Bellary	29·821	S	4	92·1	73·9	40	...	2·11	—9·39
Cuddapah ...	29·825	SE	G	93·0	73·8	61	...	14·47	—6·65
Madras	29·825	WNW	2	90·0	75·5	83	...	15·67	—0·71
Coimbatore..	29·863	E	2	87·9	72·3	89	...	11·55	+6·07
Trichinopoly	29·832	Calm	3	92·5	76·8	81	..	5·13	—7·31
Negapatam..	29·832	S	9	91·9	79·5	84	...	5·11	—6·61
Colombo.....	29·855	SSE	5	84·5	76·0	83	...	29·25	+3·87

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L=Light, M=Moderate F=Fresh, S=Strong, H=Heavy.

Bombay local rainfall :—J H = 0·00 (89·28) ; G T H=0·00 (85·69) ; St G H=0·00 (91·28) ; C P=0·00 (86·86).

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased briskly at Veraval, Raipur, Malegaon, Sholapur and Secunderabad, and has been steady or has changed only slightly over the rest of the country. Readings are highest in Sind and Rajputana, and at Neemuch, and lowest at and about Allahabad. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been light. This morning the wind velocity was 14 miles an hour at Neemuch. The maximum temperature is in large to very large excess of the mean of the season over the greater part of the country, and the minimum largely so at Khandwa, Amraoti, Akola and Malegaon. The highest temperature in the shade was 104° at Allahabad, and the lowest 61° at Jacobabad. Humidity changes are very irregular, and the skies are cloudy to overcast at Saugor, Surat, Calicut, Cochin, Trichinopoly and Colombo. Heavy rain has fallen at Cochin (2·12"), and light showers at Aurangabad. Conditions are only slightly favourable for local rain on the Malabar Coast.

OCT. 4.

Pressure has increased briskly at Lahore, Sirsa, Jacobabad, Ajmere and Aden, and has been steady or has changed only slightly over the rest of the reporting area. The distribution is very irregula, and the baric gradients are slight. Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light. The maximam temperature is in large to very large excess of the normal over the greater part of the country, and the minimum in large excess at Aden, Malegaon, Saugor, and Jhansi. The highest temperature in the shade was 105° at Allahabad, and the lowest 68° at Bangalore and Jacobabad. Humidity has increased considerably at Sirsa, Lahore and Agra, and the skies are cloudy to overcast at Aden, Colombo, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Madras, Bangalore, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore, Ratnagiri, Aurangabad, Malegaon, Surat, Lahore and Agra. Light to moderate showers have fallen at Sirsa, Aurangabad, Cochin, Coimbatore and Colombo, and a few drops at Lahore, Malegaon, Poona and Calicut. The weather in the Punjab and North-West Porvinces is slighty unsettled, and local scattered showers are probable. In Ceylon, the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, Mysore and on the Malabar Coast local scattered showers are also to be expected. An area of abnormally low pressure exists on and off the Malabar Coast, where the weather is in a slightly unsettled codition.

W. C. NIGEL JONES,
Acting Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER REPORT.

SUNDAY'S observations :—The barometer has risen briskly over North-West India. A high pressure area has appeared there with north-west winds and much lower temperatures, while showers varying between a few drops and about half-an inch of rain have been received over North-West Himalayas and a considerable part of the Punjab. In other parts of India the barometric changes are small and the general conditions little changed, but along the west coast the barometer reads below normal and the winds are between south and east from Colombo, north to Bombay, so that the weather is inclined to become unsettled along this coast. In Burma the barometer is falling briskly with northerly winds, but the only rainfall reported are a few light showers in Tovoy and Yamethin. Showers have continued over South Peninsula, the hottest area is in the Ganjetic Plain and Bombay and Deccan, where the mean temperature is six to nine degrees above the normal.

Monday's observations :—The Baromter has fallen briskly over the Panjab and also over the north of the Bombay presidency, but the principal barometric change is over north-east India and Burma, where pressure has given way briskly to rapidly. A well defined depression lies over Lower Burma and neighbouring part of the Bay with its centre near rangoon. Winds over Greater part of the Bay are affected by the disturbance, but so far the only rainfall has been half an inch at Tavoy. A storm will probably develop and travel over the Bay. On curved path along the West Coast the changes are less decided, but here also the weather is unsettled. The mean temperature is low over North-West India and South Madras, but remains excessive elsewhere, most so over the central parts of the country, but the fall of temperature will probably pass eastward. Light showers of rain have fallen in North-West Himalayas and heavy showers in Cochin.

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THE ARMY.

WAR OFFICE, PALL-MALL, SEPT. 15.

1st Dragoon Guards—Lieut the Hon C G Gore-Langton from 3rd Bn the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), to be Second Lieutenant, vice H F Searight, promoted.

3rd Dragoon Guards—Sec Lieut R E McI Lomer to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment.

6th Dragoon Guards—Sec Lieut H J Smith to be Lieutenant to complete establishment. Sec Lieut M M Moncrieff, from 1st Dragoon Guards, to be Second Lieutenant, vice H J Smith.

2nd Dragoons—Sec Lieut C P Foster to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment.

13th Hussars—Capt E W N Pedder is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Yeomanry.

14th Hussars—Lieut R C Stephen, to be Adjutant, vice Capt E J Tickell, whose period of service in that appointment has expired.

20th Hussars—Capt G W Dundas, from the Bedfordshire Regt, to be Captain, vice G W W D'Arcy Evans, who exchanges ; Sec Lieut A Goring to be Lieutenant to complete establishment.

Coldstream Guards—Sec Lieut T H E Lloyd to be Lieutenant, vice R C E Skeffington-Smith, seconded.

King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt)—Major R H MacCarthy retires on retired pay.

Devonshire Regt—Capt G H D'Oyley to be Major, vice G D Stawell, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay.

Bedfordshire Regt—Capt G W W D'Arcy Evans, from 20th Hussars, to be Captain, vice G W Dundas, who exchanges.

Royal Irish Regt—Sec Lieut F S Lillie to be Lieutenant, vice W W Lushington, seconded.

Royal Scots Fus—Lieut W Hayes-Sadler to be Captain, vice Brevet-Major the Hon A S Hardinge, promoted ; Sec Lieut H M Trenchard to be Lieutenant, vice W Hayes-Sadler ; Sec Lieut E H Finch, from the Lancashire Fus, to be Second Lieutenant, vice H M Trenchard.

Royal Welsh Fus—Capt C R Bancroft is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health.

East Surrey Regt—Sec Lieut V J Birkbeck to be Lieutenant vice H S Tew, promoted.

Hampshire Regt—The following Captains to be Majors :—A D B Buckley, vice W E Briggs, promoted, and L Munro, vice H A Tapp, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay.

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)—Sec Lieut F D Murray to be Lieutenant, vice R H Pitcairn, resigned.

Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regt),—Lieut-Col T A Beale, on completion of his period of service in command of a battalion, is placed on half-pay ; Major T Currie to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice T A Beale.

Durham Light Infantry—Capt T R Johnson-Smyth to be Major, vice H D Rossetter, deceased ; Sec Lieut A K Robb to be Lieutenant, vice H C Oakes, seconded. Sec Lieut L F Ashburner, from the Indian Staff Corps, to be Second Lieutenant, vice R E C Hall, who exchanges.

Gordon Highlanders—Capt G Staunton is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Volunteers, Capt F Gordon is seconded for service on the Staff, Lieut E B Towse to be Captain, vice J A L Haldane, Seconded, Sec Lieut G S G Craufurd to be Lieutenant, vice E D Towse ; Lieut J D Darlymple-Hay, from 3rd Bn, to be Second-Lieutenant, vice G S G, Craufurd.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders)—Lieut H L Henderson to be Captain, vice R L E McKerrell, seconded, Sec Lieut H B F Baker-Carr to be Lieutenant, vice H L Henderson ; Sec Lieut G W Muir, from the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, to be Second Lieutenant, vice H B F Baker-Carr.

Royal Munster Fusiliers—Lieut-Col W L Brereton is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health.

Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort' Own)—Capt A E Jenkins to be Major, vice W W C Verner, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay ; Lieut H M Biddulph to be Captain, vice A E Jenkins ; Sec Lieut P G A Cox to be Lieutenant, vice J E Gough, seconded ; Sec Lieut G M A Ellis to be Lieutenant, vice H M Biddulph, Lieut H R E Harrison, from 4th South Wales Borderers, to be Second Lieutenant, vice G M A Ellis.

Army Service Corps.—The following officers are seconded for special extra-regimental employment :—Capt D K E Hall and Qmr and Hon Lieut J Anderson. Lieut R Ford to be Captain, vice A K Gillespie, seconded.

Royal Military College.—Capt L Conway-Gordon, R M A, to be an Instructor, vice Lieut-Col S J M Jopp, who has resigned that appointment.

Army Chaplains' Department.—The Rev A R Witt, M A, to be Chaplain to the Forces Fourth Class, dated May 20, 1894, such antedate not to reckon towards promotion, precedence, or increase of pay prior to May 23, 1895, and not to carry back allowances.

Army Medical Staff.—The following Surg-Lieut-Colonels to be Brig-Surg-Lieut Colonels :—W B Slaugher, vice J L Notter, M D, promoted ; and A L Browne, M D, vice H Comerford, M D, promoted.

Army Ordnance Department.—Deputy Commissary of Ordnance and Hon Capt J Hodgson is seconded for service in the department of the Insp-General of Ordnance.

Army Pay Department.—Staff Paym and Hon Lieut-Col F O Sargeant Openshaw is placed on retired pay ; Paym and Hon Major F M Mascok to be Staff Paymaster, vice Hon Lieut-Col F O Sargeant Openshaw.

Half-Pay.—Major A G Holland, from 15th Hussars, to be Lieut-Colonel.

Brevet.—Capt C A Edwards, I S C, to be Major, in recognition of his services during the operations in Central Africa, 1894.

Indian Staff Corps.—The following officers are transferred to the Unemployed Supernumerary List :—Col J Grierson, Col T A Scott, and Lieut-Col G M Abbott.

Memorandum.—Lieut-Col P F Robertson, half-pay, is placed on retired pay.

Reserve of Officers.—Capt H C Bridger, Major and Hon Lieut-Col, late 3rd Royal Sussex Regt, resigns his commission; Sir F Burdett, late Lieutenant 17th Lancers, to be Lieutenant ; E C H Kennard, Esq., late Second Lieutenant Grenadier Guards, to be Second Lieutenant.

Army Medical Reserve of Officers.—Surg-Lieut S A M Copeman to be Surgeon-Captain.

THE NAVY.

APPOINTMENTS.

Captains—W F S Mann, to Anson ; C G Robinson, to Vulcan, when recommissioned.

Commanders—A H D Ravenhill, to Victory for Lighting, in command ; A H Shirley, to Vivid for Decoy, in command (Sept 12).

Lieutenants—J F E Green, to Wildfire for Salmon, in command ; R M Harbord, to Wildfire, for Sturgeon, in command; H Blackett, to Victory for Hardy, in command ; A Farrington, to Vivid for Sunfish, in command ; R M Hayes, to Victory for Lighting (Sept 12) ; A G Buck to Victory, additional for signal course ; S V S C Messum, to President, additional for R N C ; A W B Smith, to Colossus (Sept 12) ; H W Colomb (W H C S Thring, H Stansbury, M H Cobbe, B Holme-Sumner Sir M MacGregor, C D Carpendale, C T M Fuller, F A Whitehead, J H S Bourne, W Mellor, F C Brown, F Wray, P Franklin, P M R Royds and C C Peaty, to Excellent, additional, to qualify for gunnery duties (Sept 30) ; F G S G Brooker H G Vereker, H E Browne, M F Suster, A K Waistell, H Strickland, H F P Sinclair, and H G Glennie, to Vernon, additional, to qualify for torpedo duties (Sept. 30) All the above to join the R N College (Sept 30) ; H D Wilkin, to Sparrow, in command, when recommissioned.

Sub-Lieutenants—W C G Ruxton, to Vivid, for Decoy ; A P Solfleet, to Wildfire, for Salmon ; H L Wells, to Wildfire, for Sturgeon ; A P Addison, to Victory, for Hardy ; A H Nelson, to Vivid, for sunfish (Sept 12).

Midshipmen—F F Rose, to Victory, additional, for disposal (Sept 10) ; F W Tindal-Atkinson, to Victory, additional for disposal (Sept 11).

Staff Commander—T B Moody, to Pembroke, additional, for Monarch (Sept 12).

Fleet Engineers—W H Burner, to Vivid, additional, for reserve ; J Leighton, to Blake ; G White to Excellent, additional, for Sloro, and for supervision of machinery of gunboat tenders to Excellent (Sept 23) ; H J Lock, to Black Prince ; J R B Wright, to Trafalgar ; R J Wheeler, to Defiance, additional, for Torpedo Store, Devonport (Sept 11) ; C W Thorne, to Calypso (Sept 16).

Staff Engineers—W H Bramsdon, to Howe ; J T Purkis, to be detailed for duty in Europe ; J R J Pedrick, to Anson ; G W Barry, to Vivid, additional, for Forth (Sept 11); G E Bench, to Vivid, additional, for Furious (Sept. 16).

Chief Engineer—S A Screech, to Victory, additional, for gunnery and torpedo boats (Sept 11).

Engineer—W Ryan, to Victory, additional, for Bengal ; C T D Greetham, to Seahorse ; W S Westbrook, to Incendie ; T Webb, to Melampus, additional, for Gossamer (Sept 15) ; T S Guyer, to be lent to Starfish, (undated).

Assistant Engineer—H E Nicholls, probationary to Melampus, additional, for Gossamer (Sept 15).

D I G of Hospital and Fleets—P Bolster, to Haslar Hospital (Sept 12).

Staff Surgeon—J C F Whicher, to Briton (Sept 23).

Surgeons—H C Arathoon, to Excellent, additional, for disposal (Sept 14) ; W S H Sequeira, E G E O'Leary, J G Fowler, and J C G Reed, to Victory ; S Crocoen, and W J Silt, to Wildfire ; C M Beadnell, J W Craig, and A T Wysard, to Pembroke, all additional, and for disposal (Sept 15).

Assistant Paymaster—B U Colclough, to Pembroke (Sept 17).

Gunners—W E Towser, to Victory for Lightning ; E A Wallace, to Vivid for Decoy ; G Boeth, to Wildfire for Salmon ; S Crosscombe, to Wildfire for Sturgeon ; A P Breakspear, to Victory for Hardy ; A G Baggs, to Vivid for Sunfish (Sept 12) ; J Cannon, to Vivid, additional, for Juno ; H Bowden to Cambridge, additional, for Cuckoo ; W Barrett, to Victory, additional, for School of Signalling (Sept 11) ; C E Hutchings, to Impregnable, additional, for service in Circe (Sept 14).

Chief-Boatswain—W Cousins, to Vivid, additional, for Prince Albert (Sept 23).

Boatswain—T Rice, to Victory, additional, for charge of Dockyard Reserve Stores, and to assist chief-boatswain ; J A Minter (a), to Alexandra for signal duties ; T Broderick, to Carlpso (Sept 23) ; J Lyons, to Talbot for quarterdeck duties (Sept 15) ; T Whittle, to Vivid (a), to St Vincent (Sept 23).

Chief Carpenter—H Evans, to Devastation (Sept 19).

Carpenter—F N Barber, to Volage ; A A Martin to Invincible (Sept 12) ; G H Porter, to Vivid additional, for Gorgon (Sept 7) ; J Moynahan, to Hibernia, additional, for Orion (Sept 12).

Head Schoolmaster—E Marsden, to Ganges ; J H Palmer to Excellent (Oct 7),

NAVY GAZETTE.

Admiralty, Sep 8—Royal Marine Light Infantry—Major D J Kyshas been placed on the Retired List, under Her Majesty's Order in Council of Dec 12, 1885.

Royal Naval Reserve—The following gentleman has been appointed as a Sub-Lieutenant, viz :—S O Magrath.

Sept 9—Sub-Lieut G W Williams, R N R, to be Sub-Lieutenant on the Supplementary List of Her Majesty's Fleet. Staff Paym C Raxworthy has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Paym J Green has been advanced to the rank of Staff Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Paym H L Warren has been advanced to the rank of Staff Paymaster on the Retired List.

Royal Marine Light Infantry—Lieut J S Brogden is seconded for special extra-regimental employment.

Sept 10—Royal Naval Reserve—Midshipman R M Reynolds has been promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

Sept. 11.—Acting Sub-Lieut B E M Waters has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Royal Naval Reserve.—Sub-Lieut R L Stephen has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Sept 12—Royal Naval Reserve—Lieut T H Franks has been placed on the retired list of his rank.

WITH reference to the sensational pamphlet issued by an Indian gentleman who recently returned from Natal to India regarding the condition of Indians in that Colony, the Agent-General for Natal informs Reuter's Agency that the statements of the gentleman referred to are absolutely refuted by the fact that the great majority of the Indians in the Colony who have the right to claim a free passage back to India declined to avail themselves of the privilege. It is not true that the railway and tram car officials treat the Indians like beasts, and any Indian who is robbed or assaulted in the Colony can obtain redress just in the same manner as any Englishman. In no part of the world do Indians enjoy greater protection and prosperity than in Natal. The Indian Government will know quite well what value to attach to the statements of the native gentleman who has published the pamphlet, and it would not be backward in making representations to the Government of Natal if occasion called for it.

ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

THE existence of "lake dwellings," not unlike those of Switzerland, among the islands and "bayous" of Florida is a most interesting discovery of Mr. Frank Cushing, the well-known explorer of the Arizona cave-dwellings. Until the middle of this century "lake dwellings," or houses and villages built on piles over the waters of a lake, some of them dating from the end of the age of polished flints, were unknown to science, and until Mr. Cushing's discovery were probably unheard of in North America, at least, though in Lake Maracaibo there is, or was, a similar construction. Mr. Cushing was sent out by the University of Pennsylvania to explore the keys and "kitchen middens" of Florida, as mentioned in these columns at the time. These "kitchen middens" are similar to those on the coast of Denmark—that is to say, mounds of decaying shells, such as cockles, mussels, and oysters, left by the primitive people who fed on these molluscs. Those of Florida, according to Lyell and other writers, also contain fresh-water shells, such as paludines and ampularia, bones of the Virginia deer, opossum, racoon, potsherds, hatchets, flint arrow-heads, and bits of coarse thread, but they do not give much information as to their savage makers.

Mr. Cushing stayed at Tarpon Springs, Pine Island and excavated near a mound which rose from an ancient basin, having a system of canals leading in all directions. He unearthed over 600 skeletons, together with wooden masks, pottery, idols of stone, blades of flint, and ornaments, similar to those found in Mexico. The bodies of the chiefs were doubled on themselves and mummified, as in Peru. Some of the bones of the poorer people had been disjointed and piled together with the skull, while others were wrapped in skins or laid in wooden boxes. The masks which covered some of the skeleton faces resembled animals and were, perhaps, "totems." At Hope Mound and elsewhere potsherds like those found in Tenessee covered the bones. One woman carried on her breast a copper plate beautifully worked, and fine pearls fallen from a string lay beside her. Some of the skeletons showed arrowheads in their bones, and broken skulls, and these being, doubtless, warriors killed in battle, had masks or bowls over their heads by way of honour. Each clan seems to have had a separate cemetery. The stone objects were made of mica, hematite, steatite or soapstone, diorite, crystal, &c. The minerals came from as far as Georgia and Carolina, Mexico, Lake Superior, Iowa, and Cuba. Mr. Cushing believes that the islets or "keys" are artificial themselves, and hopes yet to prove his opinion.

Some years ago Dr. Alan, a Swede, patented a method of keeping milk from coagulating by adding bichromate of potash, but this method of retarding coagulation by chromates has been tried carefully in France of late, and found wanting. The "dose" required to attain the result colours the milk and spoils the sale.

A sculptor either imitates the form of living animals and plants or he ornaments objects with geometrical designs. But it is possible to mix the two classes of figure together, and Owen Jones, in his grammar of art, says that so far from its being necessary to faithfully copy the natural forms of plants and animals, in the best periods of art the imitation is conventional, and true enough to recall the original, but fictitious enough not to destroy the unity of the work. This rule, he observes, has been invariably followed during great periods of art and violated in periods of decadence.

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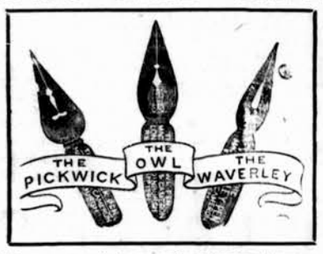

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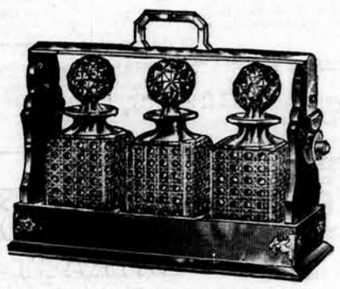

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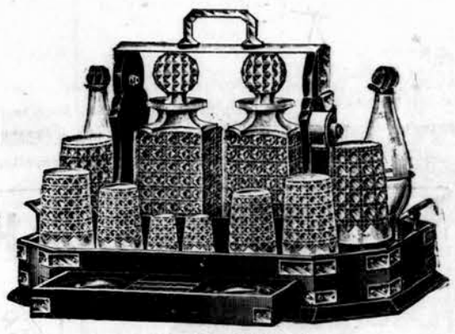

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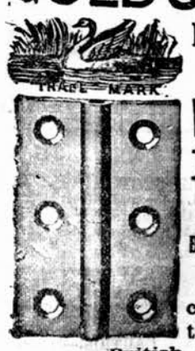

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